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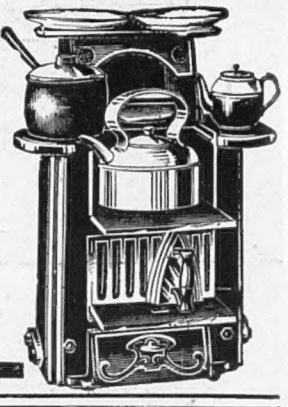

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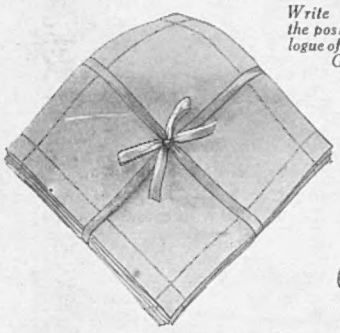

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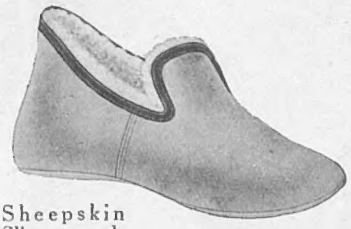

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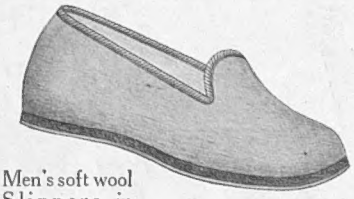

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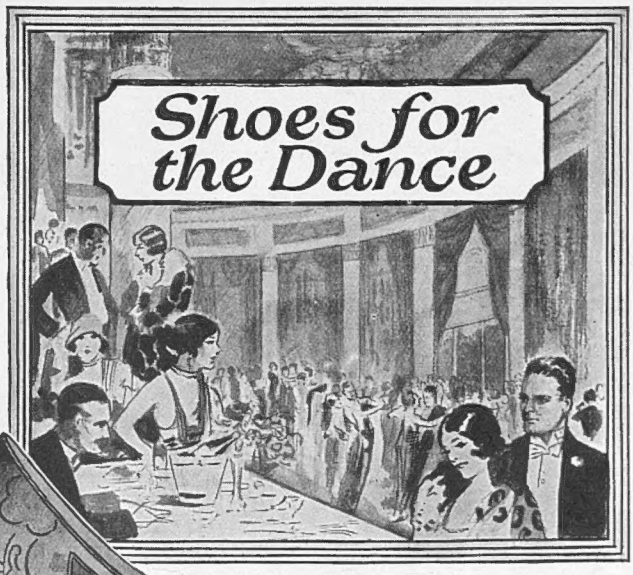

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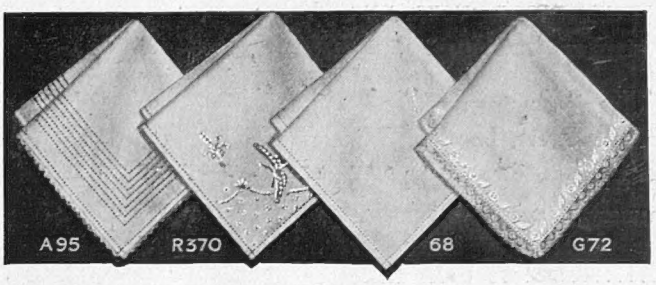

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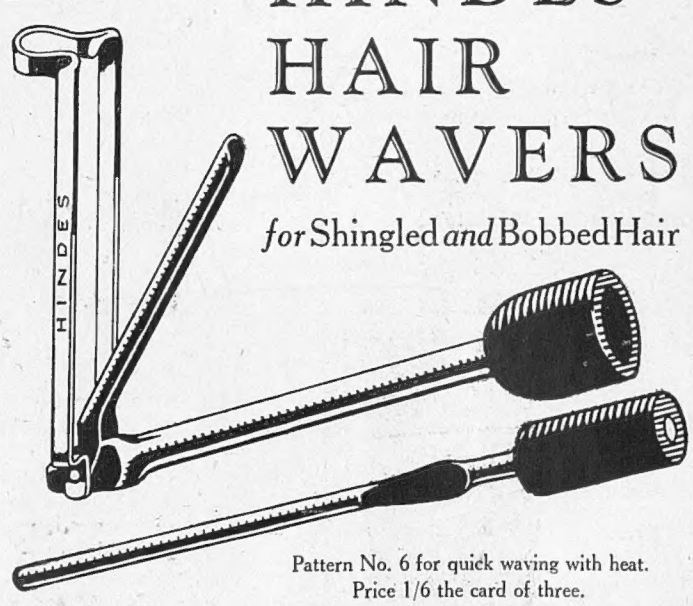

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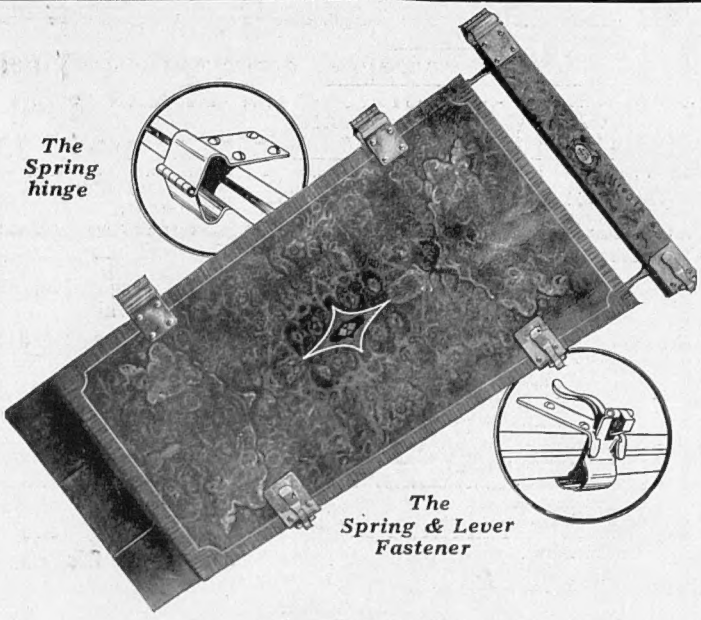

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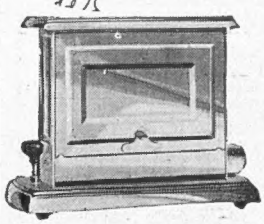

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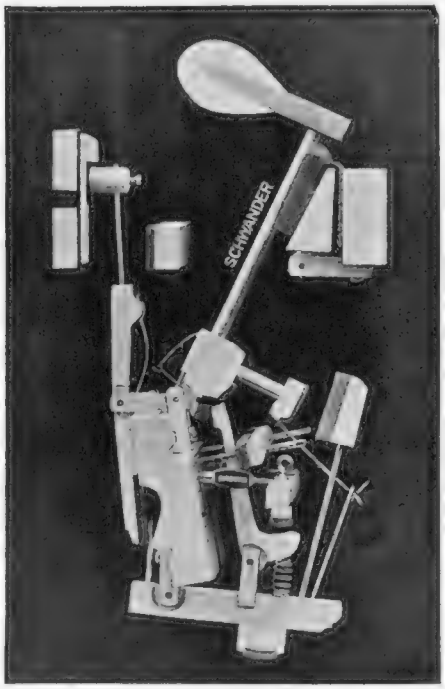

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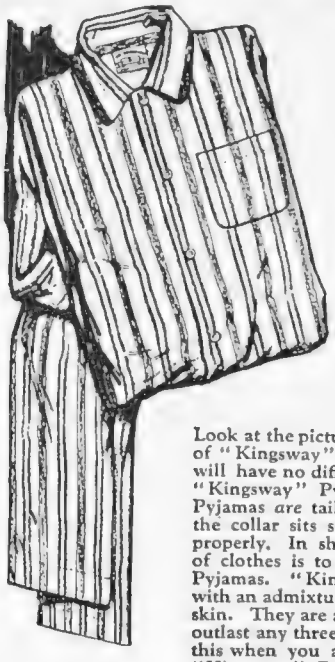

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Lafayette.

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The seventeen-year-old daughter of Lord and Lady Newborough, who will shortly make her debut. Her father, who is the fifth Baron, holds a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve

No More "Getting Round the Orange"

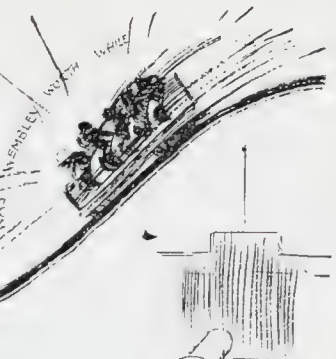
BY E. T. REED

CRAIG : "That's roight, Cosgrave me lad, let's try shtandin' togither!—soshable! It's more civilised, and, begorrah, it's none too aisy!"

COSGRAVE : "W-well, James me bhoy, we'll try ut! Faith, it's a bit of a novelty, annyhow!"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE



Wembley Losses

WAS Wembley worth while? That is a question that we shall be asking ourselves for quite a long time to come, and it is possible that we shall never secure an answer that will please everybody. Certainly a million and a half seems a lot of money, especially at the moment when the bill has been presented, but there are vast assets that we can only guess at.

Solid, Substantial, and Thick

MY own criticism would be that the exhibition, like the suet pudding, was solid, substantial, and thick. The Stadium will stand for all time, and the twin Palaces of Industry and Engineering will be more difficult to take down than they were to erect. The Stadium cost half a million. Think of it! *Half a million!* It's a lot of money.

A Great Bachelor

THE death of Mr. William Gillett, the greatest bachelor of them all, removes a familiar figure from the West End, where his parties will be greatly missed. Robbed of his moral support, I can imagine the bachelors of Mayfair falling like flies, and the marriage rate should rise in record fashion. Of Mr. Gillett it was once written:—

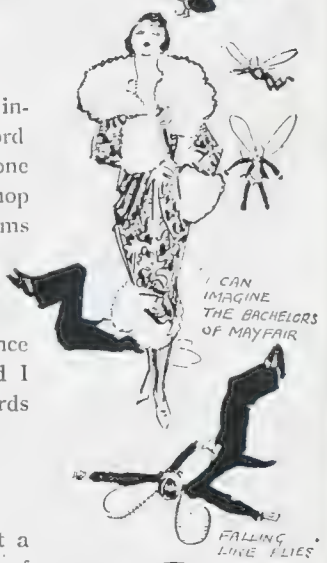
> He is the hope of those who miss
> The gentle joys of wedded bliss
> (Either because they get the chuck
> Or haven't got sufficient pluck).
> The Chairman of the Bachelors' Club,
> Of bachelordom the real hub.

A Bachelor Army

IT is rather a coincidence that the passing of Mr. Gillett became known on the day that the French Government decided that their Army of the Rhine should consist entirely of bachelors, all married officers, N.C.O.'s, and men being returned to home garrisons. Had this happened in England, I should have presumed that the veteran President of the Bachelors' Club had had a finger in the pie.

Conscience Makes Cowards

THIS question of Conscience Money intrigues me very much. A Romford tradesman has received sixpence from someone who stole a piece of indiarubber from his shop in years gone by—a transaction which seems to show a handsome margin of profit for the shopkeeper. But all defaulters are not so honest. I have known them return the exact amount without making any allowance for fines, damages, or loss of interest, and I can only assume that we are not all cowards in the same degree.



Things I Don't Want to Do

IT has been suggested that the starter at a race meeting should receive the support of a stipendiary steward. Which reminds me that of the two things in life I don't want to be, one is a starter. The other is a stage manager; but why I should be telling you this, I can't think. I can only suppose that the near approach of Christmas is making me more confidential than usual.

Bon Voyage!

ALL being well, Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge arrived in New York yesterday. They were overwhelmed with good wishes

By Blam

HER "PEDAL EXTREMITY"

The Lady: "I can't dance, you are on my foot!"

at a private luncheon given them in the Pinafore Room of the Savoy Hotel on the day before they sailed. One optimist said that as the recent census gave the population of New York as 5,900,000, and as everybody would want to see the show, they wouldn't be back for 43 years; while a low fellow, when asked his opinion about the crossing, replied, "Smooth going over, but *very* rough when you come back in *January!*"

Nervous? Not He!

When I saw Seymour Hicks at this "cheerio lunch" it struck me that he was looking a bit pensive about something, and I learned the reason later on in the day. He had promised to broadcast a few words about Friday's Newspaper Press Fund *matinée* at the Lyceum, and I fancy he was beginning to get the wind up about it. Anyway, if he wasn't nervous, he did his best to convince listeners-in that he was by asking them if they could hear his heart beating.

A Great Genius

I am one of those people who believe that in Seymour Hicks we have the greatest genius of the English stage. We have got the measure of most of the stars, but you never know where Seymour will break out next. He doesn't know himself. Consider that on Friday last he played Scrooge in the afternoon and the Comte d'Artois in the evening. Consider that he writes books and plays in his spare time. Consider that he made his first professional appearance in the year of Jubilee and has the finest head of hair in London. *And* he has a sense of humour! What a man!

Up, Girls, and At 'Em!

Commenting on the case in which a Mr. Rhinelander failed to get a divorce from his wife on the score of her negro blood, my evening paper says, "There was no more excuse for repudiating it than if he had married a barmaid or a chorus lady." My evening paper will have to look out, or its editor will be receiving a deputation of barmaids and chorus ladies, whose introduction into the discussion seems to cast a gratuitous slight upon two highly respected sections of the community.

What Everybody Knows

Anyone can tackle a really big problem. The man who is beaten by a dress-tie knows perfectly well how M. Briand should extricate France from her financial difficulties, while he can also settle the London traffic problem without turning a hair. He talks wisely of "one-way traffic," and tells you what has been done in New York, but, somehow, London's traffic problem remains as far from solution as ever.

Round with the Rank

This being the case, I take off my hat to that correspondent who comes forward with a really sensible suggestion. Walking along the Kensington High Street he noticed that all the taxis on a certain rank were facing away from the direction in which nearly everybody wanted to travel, with the result that each taxi had to turn before starting on its journey. "Why not turn the rank?" asks this brainy fellow, and, as I say, I take off my hat to him, because he has discovered that your big problem is merely a lot of little ones piled on top of one another.

At Covent Garden

A fancy dress ball at Covent Garden is a very different affair to those which are held in the vast and lofty Albert Hall. There is a more intimate note about the Opera House functions than those at the latter place, for not being able to accommodate a crowd four thousand strong there is a "happy family party" atmosphere about the proceedings which does much to add to the gaiety of nations. The annual Three Arts Costume Ball, which took place last Thursday, was just such an affair, going with its customary swing from the time the theatrical stars steered their courses to the Opera House till the general exodus of revellers gave the early arrivals in the market good and sufficient cause for sitting up and taking notice.

Topical Weeknesses

BY H. H. HARRIS

SOME PICTORIAL NOTES OF THE MARCH OF EVENTS

Topical

A LITTLE TEAM WORK

Mr. Lee Born believes in starting the Young Idea on the right ski-ing way as early as possible. The photograph was taken at Arosa, where Mr. Born is the Winter Sports Professional

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE

By THE BYSTANDER IN SOCIETY

NATURALLY there is a good deal of speculation as to the future arrangements at Sandringham. The place was left to Queen Alexandra by King Edward for her lifetime, and now falls to the King.

No estate in the country is more perfectly managed. Cottages, roads, hedges, fences, woods, all are the last word in upkeep, and the gardens are invariably in the trimmest of order. But all this means a large expenditure, quite apart from the maintenance of the house itself, and that represents a considerable sum yearly.

If, as is expected, the King and Queen take up their residence at Sandringham, York Cottage, which has been their home ever since their marriage, will be vacant, unless the Prince of Wales becomes its occupant, and that does not seem probable.

Sandringham is certainly a more regal setting than York Cottage, which is so restricted as to space that it necessitates the smallest possible number of people in waiting, and only a few guests at a time. But its simplicity has always been a great relaxation to the King and Queen. By the way, I read in a newspaper recently that life is so simple at York Cottage that "no maid waited at table for the mid-day dinner, during which a bell was rung for dishes to be changed."

This conjures up a vision of royal life which is widely remote from actuality. I doubt if the King and Queen have ever been waited on at table by maids, that being the duty of the royal footmen. And, like a good many thousands of their subjects, they dine in the evening and not in the middle of the day.

Sport and General

READY FOR ACTION

Miss Morel, in business-like kit, about to start off on a run at St. Moritz. Two feet of snow has fallen now and winter sports in Switzerland are once again in full swing. The season promises to be a most successful one

Sport and General

AMIDST THE SWISS SNOWS

Mr. Theodore Turner, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Turner, with his bride, formerly Miss Betty Schuster, only daughter of Sir Claud and Lady Schuster. Their marriage took place at St. James', Spanish Place, on December 11th

Princess Victoria's Household.

PRINCESS VICTORIA has made the first appointment to the household which she is now going to set up. Major Edward Seymour is to be her Comptroller. He has had long experience of such duties, for he was Comptroller to the late Duchess of Albany. Major Seymour was one of Queen Alexandra's equerries, and you will

remember that he and his wife, Lady Blanche Seymour, a sister of Lord Conyngham, accompanied Princess Victoria when she had to go abroad for her health early in the year, a trip which ended in her joining the King and Queen on board the royal yacht in the Mediterranean.

The Late Mr. Gillett

THERE would be no place in the social scheme of things to-day for a second Mr. Gillett. Such a one, coming to London as he did when comparatively a young man with the determination of making a place for himself in society, would find that the position Mr. Gillett attained no longer exists. Frankly, Mr. Gillett was a perfervid collector of duchesses, countesses, of ambassadors and ambassadresses.

In some of the obituary notices I have seen him described as the Beau Nash of the later Victorian and Edwardian periods. But this description does not apply. Beau Nash forced his rules as to manners and dress upon the fashionable world of his day by the same power of will which made him the self-elected Master of Ceremonies—and social tyrant—at Bath. Mr. Gillett was too kind and amiable to force himself, or anything else, upon anybody. His occupation in life was to go to parties and to give them. He went out assiduously almost up to the time of his death—a pathetic figure at the last, growing feebler and feebler.

I often used to wonder as I saw him sitting huddled up in a chair at a ball or party, watching the streams of people pass by, what possible pleasure it could be for so old a man to be out of his bed at that hour of the night, not once but perhaps several times a week, and probably with afternoon parties thrown in. Then, again, there was never a wedding or a funeral service in the great world at which he was not present. Indeed, it was always said that he had been to more weddings and funerals than any other person in London.

Alfieri

A SERVICE WEDDING

Commander John S. Hammill, R.N., of H.M.S. "Excellent" leaving St. Mary's, Crawley, with his bride, formerly Miss Anna Bertholde Frances Browning. Mrs. Hammill is the daughter of Admiral Sir Montague Browning, G.C.B. and Lady Browning

A BRIDE-TO-BE *Dorothy Wilding*

The Hon. Marion Woodruff Stanley, the elder daughter of Lord and Lady Ashfield. Her engagement to Mr. James Rutland has been announced recently

The Bachelors' Club

MR. GILLETT was a curious and interesting example of how, if you want anything particularly and you hammer away hard at it, year after year, you ultimately succeed in your wish. Likewise his social career would have been impossible in any other capital save London, and in any other society except English society.

He was the son of a Banbury banker, a Quaker, who left him what used to be called a "comfortable competence." Upon that competence he joined a Yeomanry regiment and became attached to the 1st Life Guards, then stationed at Windsor. He made many acquaintances amongst the young Guards officers, and this was the first step towards the unique position he filled afterwards.

It was the Bachelors' Club which actually "placed" Mr. Gillett. Clubs in those times were dreary places for young men. So Mr. Gillett conceived the idea of a club for bachelors—the members, *soit entendu*,

to be young men of birth—with, what was then an unheard of thing, special rooms in which ladies could be entertained. The late Colonel Farquharson, of Invercauld, and Mr. Augustus Savile—the latter a great social figure of the time—were associated with him in the enterprise. The young men took up the idea eagerly, and so the Bachelors' Club at the corner of Hamilton Place and Piccadilly sprang into being.

Then Mr. Gillett began to give the parties at the Club, which he continued until nearly the end of his life, generally "to meet the Diplomatic Corps." Parties at a man's club were an exciting novelty in those days, and the great ladies not only accepted his invitations eagerly, but others, perhaps not so great, sought them even more eagerly—and were always kind, always amiable, and somehow or another—perhaps just by the fact that he was there and had been there for years—he became a social institution. Granddaughters took his name on from their grandmothers' and mothers' invitation lists.

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MRS. D. H. HACKING

Who is the wife of Captain D. H. Hacking, M.P. for Chorley. He was recently appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office

Poole, Waterford

WITH AN IRISH PACK

A photograph of Lady Millicent Taylour, who is hunting in the Meath country this winter. The absence of foot-and-mouth disease in Ireland has attracted many English sportsmen across the water

Although he gave up his life entirely to society, Mr. Gillett had a keen business acumen, as was shown by his system for the clearing of country bankers' cheques and the establishment of the Bachelors'.

A Loss to Flower Lovers

No society or body has increased its membership by such leaps and bounds not always successful. Then it was gradually discovered that Mr. Gillett could be of great service to hostesses.

Dancing then was not so keenly followed as to-day. It was rather the fashion for young men to lean against ball-room doors with an eye to supper rather than to partners—the days of the historic phrase, "The Tenth don't dance." Hostesses found that if a shortage of dancing men was threatened, a little note to Mr. Gillett resulted in a "whip up" at the Bachelors', and the timely arrival of young men who did dance.

Business Acumen

The curious thing to me, always, about Mr. Gillett's position as an inveterate diner-out and party-goer was that at no time of his life could he have been described as either amusing or interesting—qualities which society, particularly in the earlier part of his career, generally demands from the bachelor. He was

CELEBRATING THE IRISH PEACE

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A photograph taken at Belfast on the return of Sir James Craig after concluding the Boundary Agreement between Ulster and the Free State. The group includes Mr. G. B. Hanna, M.P. (left), Mr. Blackmore (Secretary to the Cabinet), Mr. James Craig, Lady Craig, Sir James Craig, Sir William Turner and Capt. the Hon. Herbert Dixon, M.P.

Sport and General

DOWN IN DEVON

The Hon. Frederick and Mrs. Hamilton Smith at a recent meet of the South Devon at Newton Abbot. Unfortunately, however, hunting had to be abandoned owing to the frost

formerly belonged to Mrs. Charles van Raalte, the mother of Lady Howard de Walden. Besides the castle, a fine castellated building, the keep of which dates from the time of Henry VIII, there are a dower house, a bungalow, a village, with school and club-house, and a home farm, not to mention more than one pier and two lakes.

I wonder what will be the fate of this beautiful place? The advertisement of its sale says, "The

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MISS MARJORIE POLLOCK

The only daughter of the Rt. Hon. The Master of the Rolls and Lady Pollock. Her engagement was recently announced to Mr. Walter Leslie Farrer

as the Royal Horticultural Society. This, of course, is due in the first place to the widely-increased interest in gardens and gardening—a characteristic of the time which no historian appears to have noticed—but, secondly, to the unceasing efforts made by the Society to meet all the demands of that interest.

The news of the death of Mr. W. R. Dykes, the secretary, through a motor accident, will be keenly felt by the many members. He succeeded the Rev. W. Wilks, who might be described as the father of the Society, six years ago. In that time, chiefly through his efforts and the increasingly comprehensive range of the Society's exhibitions at the Royal Horticultural Hall and at Chelsea, the membership has steadily increased every year. Mr. Dykes's untimely death—he was only 48—is a severe loss to the Society.

Brownsea Island.

WHEN Sir Arthur Wheeler bought Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour last October, he announced that he should use the place as a summer residence and "a quiet retreat where I can hide myself from the rush and turmoil of everyday life."

But last week the island together with Brownsea Castle were announced for sale. It is a beautiful property, some five hundred acres in extent, and

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ROYALTY AT HOME

The King of Spain photographed with his children. The group shows the Infante Don Jaime (left), the Infanta Dona Maria Christina, the Infante Don Gonzalo, the King of Spain, the Prince of the Asturias, the Infanta Dona Beatriz and the Infante Don Juan

property is eminently suited for the marine residence of a family of distinction, for a yacht, country or motor boat club, a first-class hotel, or development." Families of distinction who can afford to buy such places—Sir Arthur Wheeler is said to have given £150,000 for it—are rare nowadays. Perhaps the last word, "development," will be the answer to my question, as Brownsea is only twenty minutes from Bournemouth.

Sir Arthur Wheeler, the present owner, is a wealthy stockbroker in Leicester. He received his baronetcy five years ago.

Miss Harman's The Dansant.

I AM asked to remind you of the *Thé Dansant* and children's party which Miss Harman is giving at Claridge's on Saturday, December 19, at three o'clock, in aid of the Orphan Fund and the League of Mercy. This party is given every year to provide the maintenance in the National Home of a poor little girl adopted three years ago by the Orphan Fund. So those of you who went last year I hope will go again. The tickets are 10s. 6d. for adults and 7s. 6d. for children, and may be had from Miss Harman, 45, Lancaster Gate, W.2. Amongst the many patrons are the Princesses Helena Victoria and Marie Louise, the Duke of Newcastle, and Lady Chamberlain, as we must now style Mrs. Austen Chamberlain. Any balance from the party after the child's maintenance fees are paid goes to the League of Mercy, of which Princess Mary is the Lady Grand President.

G.P.A.

A NAVAL OCCASION

Queen Marie of Rumania photographed with her son, Prince Nicholas, after a visit to H.M.S. "Frobisher." The Queen is wearing Rumanian peasant dress

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AT ST. MARGARET'S

Captain R. C. G. Vivian, the Life Guards, with his bride, formerly Miss Violet Clinton Holme, leaving St. Margaret's, Westminster, after their marriage last week

Future Possibilities

UNLESS the Duke of Westminster should marry again and have a son, Captain Robin Grosvenor, who was married to Miss Wignall last week, is the second in succession to the dukedom, his father, Lord Arthur Grosvenor, being the Duke's uncle and his heir.

Lord Arthur is the son of the late Duke of Westminster by his first wife, Lady Constance Leveson-Gower, who, with her three sisters, two of whom also became duchesses, figured in Lord Beaconsfield's most flowery prose in *Lothair*. His next brother, Lord Henry Grosvenor, died some little time ago. His younger daughter married Lord Dalmeny. They were divorced, and she then married Captain Robert Brassey. Lord Henry Grosvenor married as his second wife Mrs. Greaves, of Quenby Hall, in Leicestershire, a beautiful Elizabethan house, which Lady Henry's son by her first marriage, Major Owain Greaves, has recently sold. Major Greaves's wife is heiress to the Earldom of Dysart, being the niece of the present Lord Dysart, whose title descends in the female line in default of male heirs.

Ian Smith

IN EDINBURGH

Lt. Bethell, R.N., with his bride, Miss Mary Duncan, after their marriage in Edinburgh. They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral

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ON THE CHINA STATION

Prince George, who is serving in H.M.S. "Hawkins," snapped at a Polo Gymkhana at Hong Kong. With Lt. Edmonstone, R.N., he won a first prize in one of the events

Yachting Enthusiasts

LORD CHARLES KENNEDY and Constance Lady Baird, whose engagement was announced last December, are being married this week at St. George's, Hanover Square. Lord Charles, who is fifty, is the Marquis of Ailsa's second son by his first marriage

Lafayette

AFTER THE CEREMONY

A photograph of Capt. Robin Grosvenor, M.C., with his bride, formerly Miss Doris Wignall, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wignall, of The Rookery, Tattenhall, Cheshire

to a daughter of the last Lord Blantyre. From Eton he went to the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, and is a scientific farmer.

Constance Lady Baird is the widow of Admiral Sir John Baird, who died seventeen years ago. She is a very keen yachtswoman and a familiar figure at Cowes. Last year she entered her yacht, the *Thistle*, in the international six metre yacht races at Oyster Bay, being the only woman who has ever competed in them. She sailed the *Thistle* out to America herself, with her niece, Miss Jane Clarke.

Lord Charles, too, is interested in yachting, and once upon a time his father had a yacht-building yard at Troon, in Ayrshire, not so very far away from the Ailsa place, Culzean Castle. The future Lady Charles Kennedy, who comes of a well-known Somersetshire family, the Clarkes of Avishays, near Chard, has a charming house near Barnstaple.

G.P.U.

A DECEMBER WEDDING

Lord Balniel, M.P., leaving St. Margaret's, Westminster, after his marriage to Miss Mary Cavendish, which took place last week. The bride is the third daughter of Lord Richard and Lady Moyra Cavendish

An Ancient Title

A GOOD many people seem to think that Lord and Lady Cromwell, to whom a daughter has just been born, derive their title in some way from Oliver Cromwell. But the barony of Cromwell dates back five hundred and fifty years. After being in abeyance for over four hundred years, it was determined three years ago in favour of the direct heiress, Lady Bewicke-Copley, the wife of General Sir Robert Bewicke-Copley. Lady Bewicke-Copley, however, died very shortly after the decision of the Committee of Privileges was announced, and the title therefore went to her only son, the present Lord Cromwell, whose two sisters were raised to the rank of baron's daughters. Lord Cromwell married last February.

The Thursday Twelve o'Clocks

I HAD heard, certainly, of Miss Mathilde Verne's twelve o'clock concerts on Thursdays at the Æolian Hall, but I had never been to one until last Thursday—and that was the hundredth! It was an experience which I shall repeat whenever I have the opportunity. The programme lasted exactly an hour. Its three items were a *Trio*—piano, violin, and viola—by Mozart; an *Andante* for two pianos, two 'cellos, and horn, by Schumann; and a *Quintette* for pianoforte, two violins, viola, and violincello, by Dvorák.

I.B.

AT THE PORCH

A photograph of Mr. H. Pretyman with his bride, formerly Lady Karen Agar, fourth daughter of the Earl and Countess of Normanton. The ceremony took place last week at St. Mary's, Ellingham

THE RUGGER WORLD

A JUBILEE PROCESSION

By "PENDARVES"

It was not just an ordinary victory. It was a rout. Cambridge scored, and decisively, nine times. What we wrote on the Cambridge half of the programme was this:—5, 3, 5, 5, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3. It became rather monotonous. On the Oxford half of the paper we had this:—3. It became rather pathetic. Strong, silent Oxford men were heard saying cruel things afterwards, such as "a Prep. School playing against a strong Public School side." But that, no doubt, because it was a moment of severe strain, when good money was being handed over to grasping fellows mufflered in Cambridge college scarves—very humiliating—and expensive.

A canny old Glasgow Academical said to me in the car going down, "I'll buy the Cambridge points from you for 5." It seems this is how they bet in Scotland (no wonder they can take suites at the Piccadilly for these big matches!), and I in my puerile innocence said, "Done with you." An old Cambridge Blue sitting opposite made rude noises in his throat at this—and I might have known. But I did not: and I am 25s. down. It is very complicated: but if he is Scotch you lose, that's all.

What happened to Oxford? I do not know; watched I them never so closely as I did last Thursday. Both sides were almost literally shaking with nerves when the game started. That is only natural in a 'Varsity match which has been predicted as "anybody's game." The difference between them was that Oxford seemed to go on shaking behind those scrums, and never recovered any sort of form at all, until at length this, their jubilee game, developed into a jubilee procession of Cambridge tries in very truth. And in the Oxford back division four out of the seven players are Internationals! In spite of that we were given the depressing spectacle of a veteran like Drysdale allowing Francis to sell him a most obvious dummy, and score from it behind the posts. We saw Wallace, of Scotland's XV, fumbling pass after pass. Watched MacIntosh, also capped for Scotland in 1924, galloping ineffectively up and down the touch-line, over-running his inside man. True, he was responsible for the solitary Oxford score, but that was a mediocre affair compared with some of the brilliant Cambridge tries. Jacob one only saw now and again—and then usually in process of being heavily tackled.

Cambridge, on the other hand, went from strength to strength. They seemed unable to do anything wrong. It is very nice, of course, to be playing before 35,000 frenzied spectators for a side that scores a try about every five minutes. It brings out the best in you—gives you that—er—well-known feeling. It affected T. E. S. Francis to such an extent that he had one of his very best days, and not one of his worst, as sometimes happens to him on important occasions. Bishop, their stand-off half (who has a swerving run reminiscent of T. Lawton at his best); Sir Thomas Devitt, on the wing; Turnbull at full-back; Tucker, the skipper—all played like men inspired, as indeed they must have been if they glanced up at the score-board at all.

I am not concerned with the fact that Cambridge piled up their biggest score since 1899; nor that they were only three points short of the record score for a 'Varsity match (at present held by Ronnie Poulton's Oxford side of 1909), for high scores usually denote bad rugger somewhere in any match. Much more important, it seems to me, is the fact that form is a fatal thing to go by in a 'Varsity game. "You never can tell" is the only motto to stand by. For who, least of all the members of the Oxford side, would have dreamed of a calamity such as befell the Dark Blues last week? Don't let us labour the point, it is too sad.

Let us rather dwell again in pleasant reverie upon the scenes of that topping rugger match day. How the sun shone with half-blinding intensity into the East Stand (where, of course, I was) all through the first half, so that men cursed and shaded hats over their eyes to no purpose. Of the gay cavalcade of ribbon-decked cars upon the Twickenham roads. Of the uplifting (and unsettling) sight of all the other men's "sweeties" coming to the match in their dainty thousands. Of the perfect condition of the straw-protected ground—Commander Cooper had seen right well to this—and of that most moving spectacle of the packed Stands a minute or so before the teams came out, than which there is no sight, I always think, retained so fixedly in the memory long years afterwards as this brave show of the most representative peoples of all the rugger world.

Humour there was in plenty, thank goodness. As witness the man just below me sitting next to a dear old clergyman who was muffled up in an Oxford "Blue" scarf. The layman loses his head at an exhibition of bad fumbling by an Oxford three-quarter, rises in his seat, and swears heartily. Realises the presence of the clergyman and hastily apologises. Whereupon the dear old man raises a hat from a white head and replies, "On the contrary, sir, I am indebted to you for saying all that for me."

And of the sarcastic Oxford partisan who touches me on the shoulder as we file out of the Stand and says, "I say, old boy, I suppose Cambridge *did* win, didn't they? I couldn't see very well from where I was sitting—what?. . ."

THE WINNING TEAM

The Cambridge XV which gained a great victory over Oxford last week by 33 points to 3. The photograph shows, back row: G. A. C. Hamilton (left), G. Morpeth, C. D. Aarvold, R. M. Barlow, A. D. Allen and E. Gibson; centre row: C. S. Barlow (left), Sir T. G. Devitt, Rowe Harding, W. E. Tucker (Captain), T. E. S. Francis, W. Idris Jones, and B. R. Turnbull; in front: C. C. Bishop and W. H. Sobey.

Honours Even

BY PHYLLIS KERMODE

Impressions of some outstanding figures in what has been described as the best 'Varsity Soccer Match since the War. Cambridge took the lead at first, but the wonderful play of the Oxford forwards succeeded in making the result a tie, each side scoring two goals

"The Riviera week by week."

THE December of 1925 will long be remembered for the unusually cold spell of weather with which it introduced itself to the Riviera. Not for many years had anything like it been experienced down here. Luckily we had plenty of sunshine every day, and a clean bracing air which horrified some of the natives, but delighted the new arrivals who had left London shrouded in a nasty fog or bespattered in sticky mud. While photographs of villages buried in the snow ornamented our daily newspapers from home we could still play golf or tennis daily in comfort, and at places like the Sunshine Beach at Cannes highly decorative groups of physical culture enthusiasts were to be seen, lightly clad in bathing costumes (which, as everyone knows, are little more voluminous than a modern evening robe), diving, drilling, and dancing on the sands as though it were midsummer at Margate. A suitable slogan might be "Sport Follows the Sun." And only the Christmas cards and Specially Suitable Gifts in the shop windows reminded us that Yuletide would soon be here.

THERE is now no lack of evening entertainment for the long winter nights. All the casinos and hotels are open from Hyères to Menton. The opera seasons are again in full swing, theatrical productions—alas! only in French—have been resumed, and orchestras of many nationalities, some of them identifiable, are playing for dancing in every available spot. It is a mystery to many of us where these countless energetic jazz-drummers and syncopating saxophonists come from in the winter-time. The Restaurant des Ambassadeurs at Cannes is reopened, the *thés-dansants* at the Carlton collect a crowd each afternoon, where the popular Thursday gala dinners will soon be resumed, and at the Beau-Site the enlarged lounge presents an animated spectacle nightly after dinner.

SO much is dancing in vogue just now that a new record was established in Cannes the other day by a dance which took place before luncheon! The occasion was the reopening of the Cercle Nautique for the season, and the President, Baron de Meyronnet de St. Marc, was holding his customary morning reception of members and friends. The attendance was far larger than it had ever been before, and everyone was admiring the various improvements which had been effected since last Spring. I think it was Princess Pignatelli d'Aragon who discovered in the crowd an American lady friend who was talented as a syncopating pianist, and she was hustled politely but firmly towards the piano in the adjacent ballroom. When I left for a luncheon engagement the crowd was still dancing as though it might be midnight instead of mid-day.

THE polo season at Mandelieu looks like beating all previous records. It starts four or five weeks earlier than it has ever done before, which is a record in itself, and this is largely due to the expressed desires of the whole Anglo-American colony. Lieut.-Colonel E. D. Miller will again be in charge of the arrangements, and for the next four months we are to have a constant succession of matches and tournaments, in which sixty of the best players, representing a dozen countries, will take part. The forthcoming visit of the famous "Tigers" will undoubtedly be the biggest attraction of the season, and this highly successful team, which incidentally is said to have travelled over 24,000 miles in nine months, is making its first appearance on the Riviera.

MANY spectators went up to Mont Agel to watch the professional golf tournament last week for prizes offered by Mrs. S. Walker, and Major Brooks, the secretary, had a very busy time for some days. On the subject of golf, the first "hole-in-one" of this season goes to the credit of Dr. Rutherford, of Harrogate, who managed the 13th hole at Hyères the other day in model fashion. This has set the other clubs going, and the next news will be awaited with breathless interest. This is without counting the many remarkable scores registered at the Miniature Golf Course at Cannes, where budding champions are competing in the first of the winter's series of competitions arranged by Major MacLulich. One well-known resident, whose golf handicap last year was somewhere around twenty or thirty, practised hard on this little course until his putting was beyond reproach, and during last summer he astonished his friends—and possibly himself—by carrying off quite a number of prizes.

SIR GODFREY THOMAS, the Prince of Wales's private secretary, and Lady Thomas are staying at the Golf Hotel at Valescure. The first charity ball of the season at St. Raphael was in aid of local hospitals, and was arranged for December 10, under the patronage of Vicomtesse Savigny de Montcorps and Mrs. Ronald Brooke.

CLUBS for the benefit of the Anglo-American colonies are springing up all along the coast this season. There is a new Anglo-American Club at Cannes, started by an American lady, where bridge and other recreations are offered, a new one on similar lines at Nice, and another at Monte Carlo. The latter, which is to be called the Cercle des Arts, is in the Avenue de Monte Carlo, and Admiral Sir John Parry is the president, Major Barton the managing director, and Prince Radziwill is one of the Committee. This is probably the first time that bridge has been officially recognised as one of the fine arts.

DOUGLAS W. THORBURN.

E. Navello

PROFESSIONALS AT MONT AGEL

Competitors in the recent Professional Golf Tournament for a cup and prizes given by Mrs. S. Walker. The photograph shows—Front row: N. Nutley (Mont Agel), on the left, M. Freemantle (Mandelieu), W. Armour (Mont Agel), Mrs. Walker, A. Grant (Mont Agel), A. Boyer (Nice) and B. S. Callaway (Mandelieu). Back row: W. H. Jolly (Bordighera), on the left, A. Gand (Mandelieu), A. Viney (Nice), F. Pasquali (St. Raphael) and L. Fighiera (Mont Agel).

A Ladies' Dog Day at the Crystal Palace

Sport and General

"AS NOW WORN"

Miss E. Brunston, with Mrs. L. W. Crouch's "Yaffa," who seems justifiably proud of the very smart winter overcoat

British Illus.

LADY KATHLEEN PILKINGTON

The President of the Ladies' Kennel Association Member's Show at the Crystal Palace making the round of the entrants.

Sport and General

"SO GOOD OF YOU TO CALL!"

"Jackoby of Fairy Hill" receives a visit from his owner, Miss S. Griffiths, while waiting for the ordeal of the judging ring.

Sport and General

TRIALS OF THE TOILETTE

The ordeal of the hair-brush is by no means confined to the nursery, as may be judged from "Moonshine Girl's" expression. On the left is Mrs. A. W. Beard, her owner, and on the right Miss Taylor

British Illus.

THE CONTINENTAL TOUCH

Miss Gladys Isaacs with her French Poodles, who struck, as always, a distinctly "dressy" note. This breed is now seen infrequently enough to create interest when it appears at shows

MOTLEY MUSINGS

BY HARTLEY CARRICK

IT is curious at this season of the year how many men, hitherto uninterested in children, become keen on small tots.

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IN fact, just now the spirit of Scotia is even more popular than the spirit of Locarno.

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A JOURNAL states that Mr. Lloyd George has tripped up over his agricultural policy. That means, we suppose, that he has got his back to the land.

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"THERE is certainly one thing to be said in favour of skating," writes Chivalrous Charles. "It does give a fellow a chance of picking up girls on the ice!"

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GOUTY uncles are said to regard this season as a period of misery and mizzle-toe-time.

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A "SALAD" number has just been introduced into a popular revue. As one might expect, it does not suffer from too much dressing.

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ONE of these days we shall expect a producer to give us an "insect" number—with earwigs by Clarkson.

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WE have heard of a friend who has just christened one of his Buff Orpingtons "Macduff." He explains that he wants it to lay on!

"MUMMY, I've just had an awful dream. I dreamt a big tiger was chasing me."

"That doesn't signify, dear; it was only a dream tiger."

"Yes, mummy, but I was a dream baby!"

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Said I to my cousin, "Dear Isabel,
Your mouth is uncommonly kissable:
Do you think I might now,
'Neath the mistletoe bough,
Salute you, or ain't it permissible?"

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SOME SIMPLE CHRISTMAS PUZZLES.

TAKE two guineas and see if you can make them go into a week-end at Brighton.

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WHAT to do with Aunt Julia's present? (N.B.—This will give you a chance of displaying attic wit.)

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DISCOVER if you can afford to spend anything except Christmas.

LAST week a player in a soccer match was sent off the field for kicking one of his own side. It would appear that he got his own "back."

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IT would never pay a management to put on a new, serious opera, declares a musical writer. The latter evidently believes in the Safety Faust slogan.

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A SHOP GIRL.

I count her delightful,
And sigh for a kiss,
Whene'er I encounter
This duck of a miss;
But my luck is just frightful,
The trouble is this:
As my wife's near the counter,
Romance goes amiss!

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NOW that this Russian craze has affected our girls, it can rarely be said that they are too big for their boots.

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HEARD in a restaurant: "Please, daddy, may I have another piece of Shepherd's Bush pie?"

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"THE stage is not what it was, Laddie," quoth the Glasshouse Street oracle. "Then, it was all slapstick; now, it's all lipstick!"

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A DRAMA is to be written round *The Prodigal Son.* We trust that the author will endeavour to give us the fatted calf's opinion of the erring one's return.

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ACTORS, made up as political personages, rarely appear in revue skits nowadays; but there might be a chance for someone to appear as "Unaustentatious Austen" in a Hullo-Karno spirit.

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Two Englishmen were out riding in India. Suddenly from the jungle they saw a native running for his life pursued by a large leopard.

"He's making a race of it," said one Englishman.

"Can you spot the winner?"

"The winner," remarked the other concisely, *is* spotted!"

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IT is a melancholy thought that many women merely regard their husbands as a permanent cab fare.

BY FRED BUCHANAN

A SPIRITED REPLY

THE INTERVAL NUISANCE: "I'm so sorry to have to trouble you again"
THE VICTIM: "Quite all right—my husband leases the bars at this theatre!"

A Tight Corner

BY STAN TERRY

FESTIVE MEMBER (*to club waiter*): "Shorry, ol' man—mush keep to wh' linesh!"

LONDON NIGHTS' ENTERTAINMENTS.

"Betty in Mayfair"

AT THE ADELPHI

MARY LEIGH AS KITTY SHOWS BRYAN THE WAY. JACK HOBBS AS BRYAN

LESLIE FABER AND WINIFRED EVANS

Produced November 11, 1925

By "JINGLE." *Illustrated by MACMICHAEL.*

THIS Musical Play has been adapted from an earlier success of the author which will be remembered as *The Lilies of the Field.* In its original form, the comedy was so light and airy that the task of dishing it up again with music could not have been very difficult. In any case, the transformation has proved a complete success, and *Betty in Mayfair* thus becomes a polite and agreeable entertainment for people of taste. The quite lovable twins are now represented by Miss Evelyn Laye as Betty, and Miss Mary Leigh as Kitty, in the best style of musical comedy. The amiable parson who is the father of the rather worldly young ladies, is played by Mr. Leslie Faber, whose gentle humour is quite in keeping with the pleasant refinement of the production as a whole.

As before, the story begins on the birthday of the very knowing twins, who have found out all about the bicycles that their father fondly imagines he will formally hand to them in due course as a delightful surprise. Miss Laye and Miss Leigh open the musical proceedings with a duet about "A Perfect Birthday," though I believe among more worldly people a birthday is hardly considered perfect till the glasses have been charged to the eighth limit. This duet involves a graceful display of dancing by the two ladies concerned, in the best drawing-room manner, and then "Mum's Mum" comes along, as originally, with her two birthday presents. The twin who proves the more attractive to the men is to be taken to try her arts and wiles in Mayfair, while the other is to be given some yards of *crêpe de Chine,* to be devoted to purposes in respect of which, I gathered, the masculine mind is not supposed to be concerned. At this stage of the proceedings Miss Mary Leigh has a playful little song entitled "I've got a Secret." The implication is apparently that a lady, having got a secret, is by the laws of her sex bound in honour to give it the widest and swiftest possible circulation.

THEN Barnaby Haddon, the architect, is introduced, bringing with him his bashful, stammering friend Bryan Ropes, who is at once pounced upon by Kitty and taken up the garden with that yearning for male society which, for some reason or another, is supposed to be traditionally characteristic of clergymen's daughters. The walk in the garden has apparently been so much appreciated, that Ropes (Mr. Jack Hobbs) and Kitty come back and sing a quaintly humorous duet about "The Countryside," which at this season of the year puts a considerable strain on the constancy of its lovers. Mr. Hobbs and Miss Leigh wind up the duet with some lively dancing, and the turn is extremely pleasing throughout.

As will be remembered, Betty, in order to impress a likely suitor at the vicarage with her very maidenly modesty, adopts an old-fashioned costume, and wears it with a mid-Victorian blush. In those days the girls blushed so easily that they gave the impression that they were reading quite a lot more into a simple compliment than the words justified. When Betty reaches Mayfair she finds that she has set a new fashion, and the clock is put back accordingly. It is generally agreed that the Victorian era had sturdier virtues than our own, and it is perhaps hoped here to bring these back with the fashions of that period. But, as has been well said, it is not the cowl that makes the monk.

WHEN the dear Vicar arrives in town and sees his daughter in the dress of her foremothers, so to speak, he cannot but deplore the fact that the comprehensive "Birdcage" bustle she is wearing seems rather designed to accentuate a part of the figure, which in those days at least was usually left to the imagination. We are, seemingly, less imaginative in these days, and our infirmity is humoured accordingly. I remember an old music-hall song of the period which alleged that saucy street-boys, apparently anticipating the modern cycle-girl, would shock a dignified lady by appealing for a ride on her pillion. The adoption of the old fashion obviously justifies the introduction of a chorus similarly attired, and thus we have a bevy of charming young ladies in frocks that would meet even the approval of Mrs. Grundy herself.

THE over-modest dance of the chorus here, revealing as it does little more than the toe of the shoe, is highly diverting. You are reminded of Sir John Suckling's

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The Bystander Abroad

By DELL LEIGH *Illustrated by HOWARD K. ELCOCK*

THE GUIDE, PHILOSOPHER AND ——

"Where you can get the favourite Spanish shawl"

THE Guide who dogs your faltering footsteps in a Continental city is a man of parts—most of them bad. But he is a species well worth careful study, if only as an example of the fatuity of that old precept people try to put over on you that "honesty is the best policy."

Still, it is not quite fair to lump the cohorts of Continental guides all into one and mark them down as outcasts.

Fairly truthful men, not prone to excessive exaggeration, have spoke to me of the MARK I., Sealed Pattern, Sea Green Incorruptible Guide. He is the jewel you hear about in the smoking-room of ships, after you have left the port—the "honest as daylight" fellow with the sad eyes who is keeping his aged mother. The guide who insists upon your getting the right change; who picks out the bad paper money from the good, and hands it back to the shopkeeper with a tornado of expletives that you would give a sovereign for the use of yourself, only you don't know a word of the impossible language. The man who leads you to the right kind of night club, and stands for hours in the rain outside in order that you may have protection from the marauders of both sexes on the tortuous way back to the ship. The man who has never been known to take an illicit commission in his saintly life, and who breathes into your ear, in perfectly intelligible English, at the crucial moment, "Don't buy that, sir; it comes out here by the gross from Birmingham."

If I am to believe the men who talk to me of these paragons, every Continental city must possess at least one. But they avoid me like the pestilence. I get the other sort. As a matter of fact, I have long since given up the guide habit—it is too expensive. They have been a hated enemy of mine for years; and in consequence they invariably swarm around me in cities that I know almost as well as they do. The only time they afford me any sort of amusement is when I see them sidling up to an Archdeacon in mufti and begin that hissing whisper of invitation to visit the underworld, upon the products of which most of them live. At all other times they are about as welcome to me as a packet of gaspers to Mr. Baldwin. And when a member of the fraternity approaches me in the Boulevard des Capucines, Paris, and offers postcards and suggestions when I am late for an appointment in the Etoile district, it is with extreme relish that I inform him, as he walks hurriedly by my side, of the malformations of his ancestors and the slow processes of his ultimate roasting.

Not so, however, the great bulk of wandering Englishmen. It is with a curious and rather pathetic reliance that he places himself, his wife, daughter and purse, in the hands of the first nondescript who approaches him at the quayside, the station or the pavement outside the hotel; the *concierge* being in the business *de la main gauche* himself.

"Yew vant good guide—hein? I show yew; verra goot: verra cheap; yew leef it all me—hein? . . ."

You whisper (he hearing, of course): "This fellow looks all right, what?" And the day, and the night, is his carnival.

Take a dispassionate survey of the crowd of them as your ship ties up alongside the berth at Lisbon, or Barcelona, or Naples or Algiers. They have alert faces and shifty eyes. Their linen is fairly immaculate, and their shoes highly polished (so they may well be). They are small, lithe men who can move very

"Offers you postcards"

quickly and noiselessly in the dark if need be. Some of them, of course, bear "Cartes d'Identitées" signed by the Mayor—a "registered" guide; and some have only one arm, or limp badly (*"c'était la guerre, M'sieur,"* plaintively), and they naturally get the cream of the sympathetic British business.

You have heard of a shop in, say, the Ramblas at Barcelona, or the Via Santa Lucia in Naples, where you can get the genuine Spanish shawl or the *real* tortoise-shell cigarette case. You tell your philosopher and friend all about it in the car which he has hired for you ("verra goot man—goot price") and he looks back at you askance from the front seat.

"You not go zaire: you be unwise: zey charge you lot money: you get (a shrug) pairaps ze genine arteecle: pairaps not (a charming smile). You vant go zaire—yes?"

"No, of course, I don't in that case, not likely. (I say, you fellers, we've got hold of a dam nice man here—he's the goods; vote we leave him the job."

And so you place yourself unreservedly and with increasing *bonhomie* and frankness in his dingy hands for

"Sidling up to an Archdeacon in mufti"

the remainder of the shopping, sightseeing, and lunching day. And you do very well. So does he. His proceeds at midnight tot up somewhat as follows: 10 per cent. on all the seven purchases in the fancy leather shop, 20 per cent. in the "real" shawl shop, 17 per cent. on the four tortoise-shell cigarette cases and the three combs, all xylonite with a clever veneer on top (he used to get 20 per cent. here, but the owner, Ernest Abrami, reduced him latterly to a mere 17—the dog), 20 per cent. of your lunch bill at what he said was the best café, "though little known." Half shares with the car owner (his cousin); 5 per cent. from the curator of the Museum who has had 25 lira out of the four of you. One-fourth of all the money you spent in those three night clubs he took you to: and his own heavy tip which you pressed affectionately and at some length upon him at 1 a.m. at the ship's gangway.

There is another British ship due in on Thursday: and the retired gendarme guarding the quay gates is having an affair with his sister at the moment. So he is not doing so badly—poor fellow.

W. A. Rouch

A FOUR-IN-HAND

Mrs. Musgrave Clark, photographed at Bishopstone, Seaford, with some of her Clumber spaniel puppies, to the evident scorn of the dark individual on the right. Her husband, Mr. H. V. Musgrave Clark, is a well-known breeder of Arab horses

Very Hot!

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ent Astray.

Fair Play!

BY HAROLD EARNSHAW

BRIAN (with memories of last Christmas) : "You'd better give me a box of cigars for Christmas, Daddy."
DADDY : "Cigars ! Whatever next ? "
BRIAN : "Well, then I shan't mind when you play with them."

PARISIANA "By Rene"

ILLUSTRATED BY MARCEL PONCIN

MES AMIS—

LOUIS VERNEUIL, who is a better playwright than actor, becomes more and more the bane of the Paris critics. I have never seen much use in these very, very superior fellows, so there is excellent measure of enjoyment in watching the Verneuil process of baiting them. Now that Verneuil has indisputably established himself as a success with the public, he obviously derives from this baiting process the greatest fun of his life.

HIS latest exploit is the cleverest. On previous occasions he had produced plays without inviting any dramatic critics, but this permitted them to attack him on the ground that he was revealing pique over earlier adverse commentaries. But in staging *Le Mariage de Maman* at the Théâtre Antoine, in collaboration with Georges Berr, he invited the critics on a Sunday night, along with the Sunday night public. The cunning of this lies in the fact that the Sunday night public of Paris is similar to the Saturday night public in England, that is, it does not take much to amuse it, and when it gets even a little of what it likes it is very demonstrative in its appreciation.

IT was funny to listen to the chat of the superior gents—in the interval. Obviously they would have liked to employ the lash as they have on most Verneuil plays, but their tails were down in the presence of the big battalions; for while it is easy to decry the taste of the public in the presence of a typically snobbish first-night audience, a big dose of courage is needed when you are among that public and vastly outnumbered. The courage was lacking, and the shrewd author for once secured good notices as well as personal amusement of delicious savour.

LE MARIAGE DE MAMAN is one of those near-the-line plays that tickle those *facile* folk who are content with the second-hand sauce of naughtiness. The light o' love Florence Baudin is about to "regularise" her situation with number nine, M. Chantonnet, thus easing the situation of her doctor-son Robert, whose severely *bourgeoise* young wife cannot meet her father-in-law till he is "in law" her father-in-law. And just as the bells are about to ring, a beautiful Baronne slips a noose about the susceptible Chantonnet, and the faithless one agrees to three weeks at Venice. Hurried rush of Robert *chez la Baronne* with offers of gold. The Baronne, however, demands reparation in kind, informing Robert that she met him at the hospital, became fond of him there and she would prefer him to Chantonnet. After much perplexed reckoning of alternatives, Robert "sacrifices" himself to make sure of the marriage, but when the severe *bourgeoise* learns of it there is a cloud of dust . . . till she recalls that her father wants a decoration, and she has been shown the way to collect it.

"Robert 'sacrifices' himself"

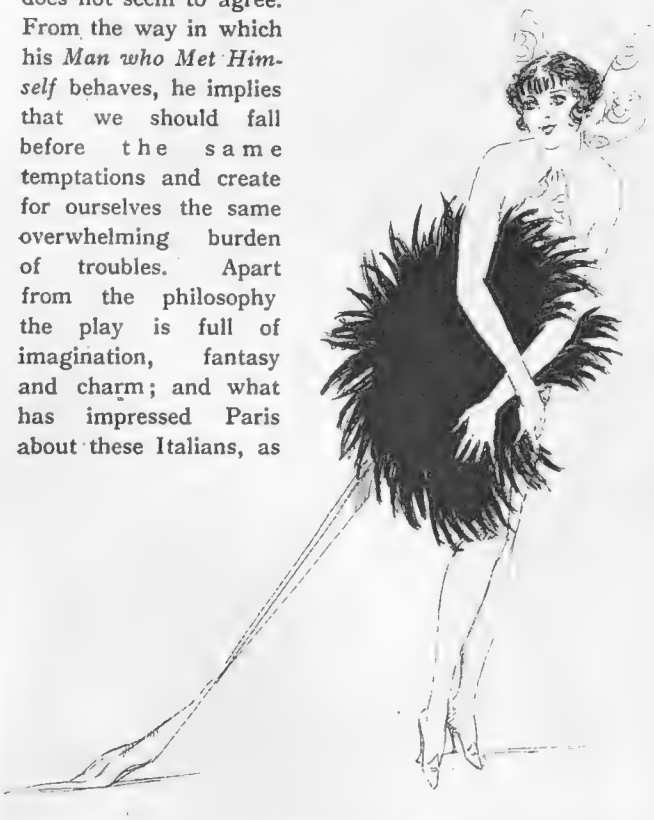
"It was funny to listen to the chat of the superior gents"

ANOTHER *bête noire* of the critics, Mme. Ida Rubenstein, has just let it be known that she has arranged one of her grand-scale productions for January, and that the Opera has been placed at her disposal; so, outwitted by Verneuil, they will probably turn to rend her. But Mme. Rubenstein has resources calculated to confound an army of critics, and the new piece, *L'Impératrice aux Rochers*, promises to be a really big thing. She has engaged as author Saint Georges de Bouhelier, as composer Honegger, and as scene-painter Alexandre Benois, with Armand Bour as *metteur-en-scène*. A collaboration like this can scarcely fail to produce something notable.

PARISIANS have found another—and in the view of some of them a better— Pirandello in his compatriot Luigi Antonelli, whose fantasy, *The Man who Met Himself,* has been introduced to Paris with much success at the Studio des Champs Elysées. Antonelli, who may be known to London, was practically unknown in France, though this piece has been played in Italy for twenty years. There it is played with emphasis on the farcical side, but in adapting it for the Paris stage it was thought advisable to stress the seriousness, the mystery, and the symbolism. The favour of the public showed that this calculation was correct. More of Signor Antonelli's plays are likely to be brought to Paris, and that speedily, in consequence of this experiment, which is the most successful that has been attempted for a while.

MOST folk have reflected at times over the problem of whether they would order their lives any better could they be given the chance to live them over again, with the benefit of experience and the knowledge of resulting consequences, and probably the majority have flattered themselves that their second showing would be superior. Signor Antonelli does not seem to agree. From the way in which his *Man who Met Himself* behaves, he implies that we should fall before the same temptations and create for ourselves the same overwhelming burden of troubles. Apart from the philosophy the play is full of imagination, fantasy and charm; and what has impressed Paris about these Italians, as was the case with Shaw's *St. Joan,* is the freshness of their theatrical art, emphasising the poverty of local creativeness.

"The judges refused to consider such a contract"



"The décolleté from 'en bas'"

I CAN'T help associating Signor Antonelli's theory that we should commit the same errors again — the antithesis of "once bitten, twice shy"— with a divorce suit recently judged in Paris, on the plaint of a "deceived" husband. His ultra-modern wife claimed that he could not possibly pretend to have been deceived, as in the marriage contract it was stipulated that she would be permitted to have *amants,* as he was authorised to have *maîtresses.* Naturally, the judges refused to consider such a contract as binding, for they could not possibly have legalised such an arrangement, even in these adaptable days of *l'après-guerre,* and the wife was divorced. According to Antonelli she would sign such a contract again if the issue were presented in a re-trial of life. *Penses-tu!*

THE studious and far-sighted authority on *la mode,* Alfred Murray, informs me that we shall shortly see the revival of the waist-line. As M. Murray has no connection with any corset-manufacturing establishment I am prepared to pay more heed than hitherto to the prediction. But I am even more interested in the speculation about the overlapping of the *décolleté.* At last it has been appreciated that if the *décolleté* at the top is carried much further the drop will make the frock become really long down below, while if the *décolleté* from *en bas* maintains the present climbing rate, its record of altitude will be attained with the hem of the skirt forming a high collar. Let us hope the ascending and descending movements will be perfectly synchronised. *Autrement* . . . there will be chills as well as shocks. RENÉ.

Left At Home

(BY THE SEALYHAM)

WHAT vile, unnerving solitude!
I—only I—am left alone;
My consolation, one dry bone—
A mockery of wholesome food!

AND all because some faddists say
I seem "a bit inclined to fight,"
And that my simple appetite
Requires attention by the way.

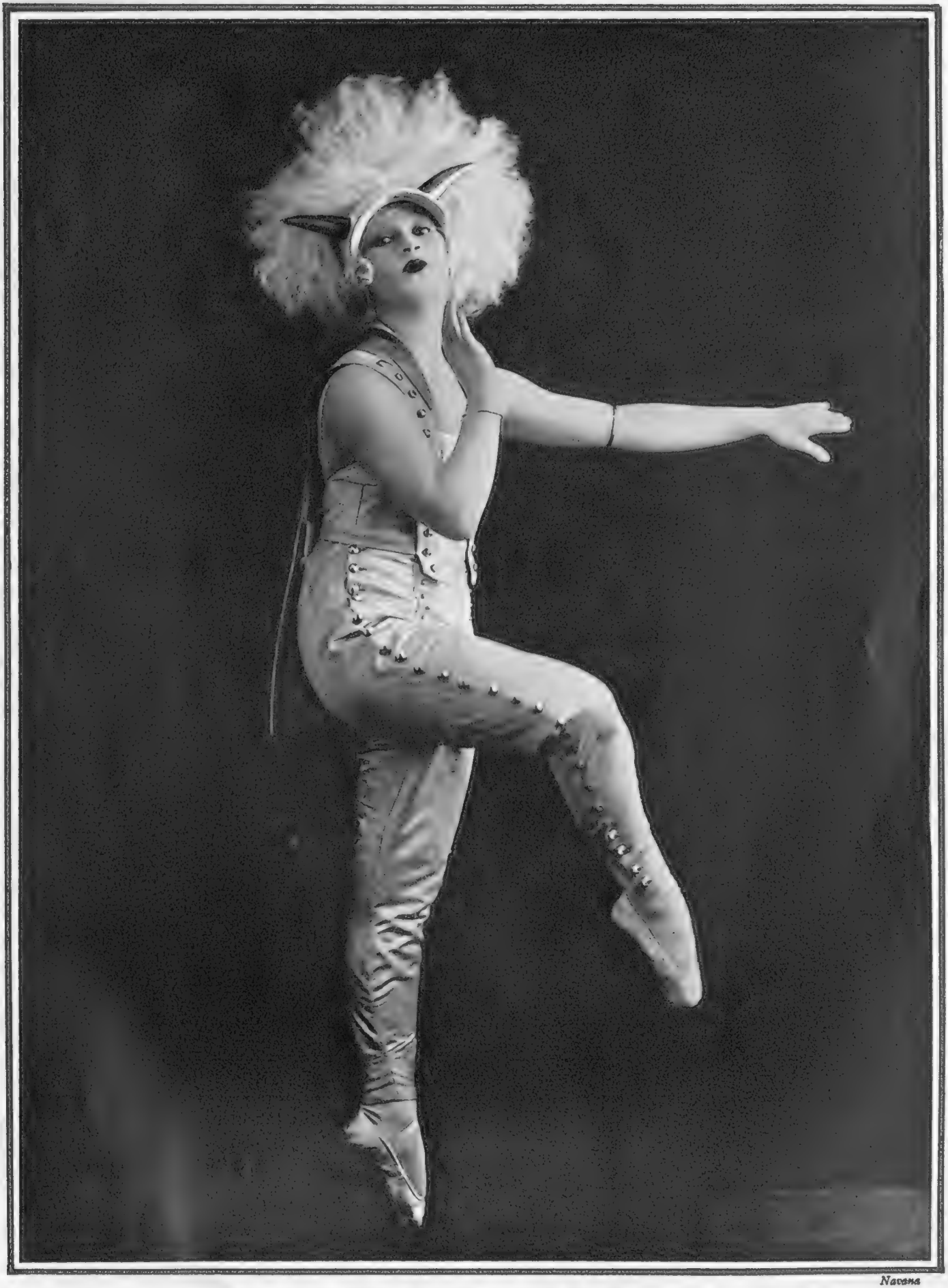
WELL, if the mauling of some rat
(A furry thing, of doubtful breed)
And passing pangs of healthy greed
Be criminal, I own to that.

BUT what is he that does not brawl,
Raid larders, chase stray cats up trees?
The snug, beribboned Pekinese
Is *called* a dog . . . but that is all.

Yet, if you make the cinders fly,
Or grab, perhaps, some toothsome chop
One morning from the butcher's shop,
Then you are left as lone as I,
Cursing the breed that does not scrap
And smirks upon a lady's lap.

G. D. MARTINEAU.

A Belle on Her Toes



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Winter Sports in Britain—

Photographs

SOOP HER UP!

The photograph shows Miss Daisy Murie "soopin' her up"! The frost made the national bonspiel possible at Carsebreck, Stirling

Topical

WATCHING THE GAME

Althou~h it must have been cold watching the curlers at Carsebreck, the ladies seen in the picture were too interested to worry about the weather!

Photographs

HEY PRESTO!

Major and Mrs. Telfer-Smollitt show how to do it on the lake in Wimbledon Park. The recent sharp frosts were welcomed by thousands of skaters all over the country

Sport and General

A STRAIGHT RUN

A photograph of Dr. H. C. Mills on the ice on the lake at Stoke Poges

The "Roarin' Game" and Skating

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WITH STANE AND BESOM

Mrs. Robin Welsh takes a hand at curling on the pond at Carsebreck, Stirling

Central News

A KILTED COMPETITOR

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club held their bonspiel on the pond at Carsebreck. A curler on the right was appropriately dressed for the Scottish national game

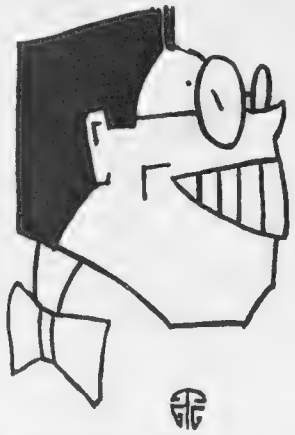
A GRACEFUL TURN *Sport and General*

Miss Grice performing a spiral—a difficult feat for the amateur skater—on the ice on the Wimbledon Park lake.

IN THE FEN DISTRICT *Topical*

Mr. Pridgeon, in workmanlike skating kit, photographed during a race which he won at the recent skating championships, held at Cowbit Wash, Spalding

YOGO HAMA ON XTMAS SPORTINGS



MOST DEAR HON. SIR—

AT the date of depicting these words the prognostics point to snow, hail, thunder, and other Anglo climatics in all their branches for on or about December 25-st. Alreadily we

"A snow libel of myself"

have experience some severeish nippings and suchly polar perks which causes I to think that very perhapsly we shall enjoy an old fashioned Anglo Xtmas like as Hon. Sir C. Dickens patented. Shall it not be frightfully joyish, I declam, to perform slides, skatings, snow-peltings and other winter boons like as I read about when a smallish youthlet in Japan?

These exuberants are all so well in type-print, but when we come to suddenly meet them in brass-tacks, they

"Suffered severeish bombardings"

grow to become a horse of a different tune, and we more often as not wish to goodness gracious they had not ever been invent. For instants, the other day or 2 before last, I was preambling the road cogitating to produce a new afflatus when quite non-expectedly my heels smacked the air and my head impacted the *terra-firma* with more greater speed as 60 miles per *m.p.h.* I witnessed to see Hon. Sir Haley's patent comet, also numerous other non-copyright comets and stars which looked more brilliant as a fireworks benefit. When saidly sparkings and flashings revolved away, I discovered to find some diminutive *garçons* laughing very politelessly at my casualties. Rising to my pins, I made effort to perform some severeish chastisements on their anatomical regions for causing me to slip on their slide, but they produced so clean pairs of heels that I entirely non-catched them.

I cannot help to think, Hon. Sir, that the Anglo youthlet are more wicked and piousless as any other national infantine I have endured to meet. It causes me continuous astonishments that he should succeed to stuff so numerous sins and other carnal pleasures in so small capacities. Only not more as several days ago, I suffered the horrors to suddenly witness a snow libel of myself which had been foulishly executed by some depravity infantiles with not a single spark of respect for a great and world-wide *literati*. I spoke them some goodish reproofings, but the mephistophical juvenines projected snow-bullets to my hat and I was constrained to speedishly beat my retreats.

"A good old custom"

"This," Hon. cousin name of Matsu inform, "proves to show you are very genialless and non-Xtmas person like as Hon. Scrooge who suffered frightful spookings by Hon. C. Dickens. I cannot suffice to invisual a more sweetful spectacular than to observe these Anglo cherubims bandying their snow-puffs and suchly innocent sportings." Before not so very long after, Hon. Matsu and self discovered to find some of saidly Anglo cherubims embattling each other with snow. "O how joyish, are it not, to witness these so pure little 1's gamboling like as sheep-sucklings and other innocent fowls!" Matsu declamed. "Indeedly yes, dear Yogo, we must strive to non-grudge them their happy junkets and not grow to become embitterish and sourful——" and all of a suddenly a snow-projectile propelled into his mouth. "O this are non-tolerable insultings and very exrageous!" he exclammed when de-plugged. "Come, Yogo, let us give pursuits and perform them extremely goodish hidings and other

"My heels smacked the air"

legitimate woes." We made to chase them but, alasly, suffered so severeish bombardings that in less as not any time we were constrained to fall back on our retreats. But re concerning Xtmas sportings, we must not run away to suppose they are all a bed of roses or other fragrant vegetations, as I shall now succeed to prove. More less as 3 weeks ago, I made purchase foot-skates, then hied to an ice-pond to cut 8's and other stylish figures before the admireish gazes of innumerous luscious fairs. All went so merrishly as a nuptial bell and I performed some very high-brow executions, when all to 1-ce I heard an auspiciousless cracklings. Before I could ejacule "Jacks Robinson," or shake a lamb's tail, I subsided from sight into the bottomless deeps more as

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"Vociferated our carols"

TÉCLA NECKLACES

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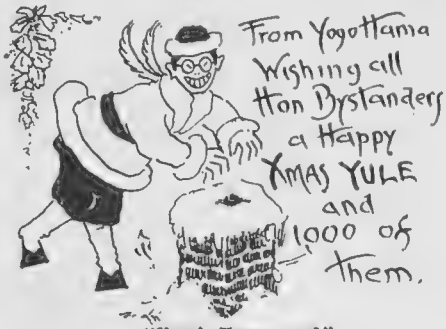
3 ft. After experiencing frightful privitations I was recovered by hooks and deposed to my lodgings-abode, where I then suffered a very *h.p.* nose-cold.

"I subsided from sight"

Hon. Matsu, who makes to believe in old customs and suchly *débris*, suggests it should be a toppingly A.1 idea to become Xtmas weights and perform some carollings for good blessings. "Let us then hie to lodgings-abode of Hon. Editor of BYSTANDER and ejacule him some Noels and other Xtmas noises," I responsed. "Perhapsly he shall give us some good rewardings like as cigars and nuts." So at about midnight a.m. we hied to what, Hon. Sir, I imagined to suppose was your domestic lair, and vociferated our carols for more as 1 hour non-stop, but with entire responselessness. "Let us imbang the door," Matsu suggest. "Perhapsly he are very shy person and fears to offend us with lucrative giftings." This sounded to be a very O.K.-ish notion and we were about to impound the door, when all of a suddenly I witnessed to see a board depicting "This House to Let." Groanishly we made our exits with innumerous non-theological vocabulars. "I wager to bet," I said snishishly, "he has suffer ejectments for non-payments of his legitimate rents and other debits." "That," responsed Matsu, "would afford enormous ameliorations to my feelings."

Not any the less, I impined, 1 cannot help to think it are 1,000 pities the good old fashions are growing to become thoroughly *non est*. What, for instants, of the so gallant highwaymens who, on lonely and darkish nights, banged a pistol to persons' heads and ejaculed "Your cashes or your heads in lieu!". Gone, I begroaned, gone to be not seen any more. These so saddish thoughts imbued me as I was preambling home with a turkey-goose which I had succeeded to win for a per 1/- raffle.



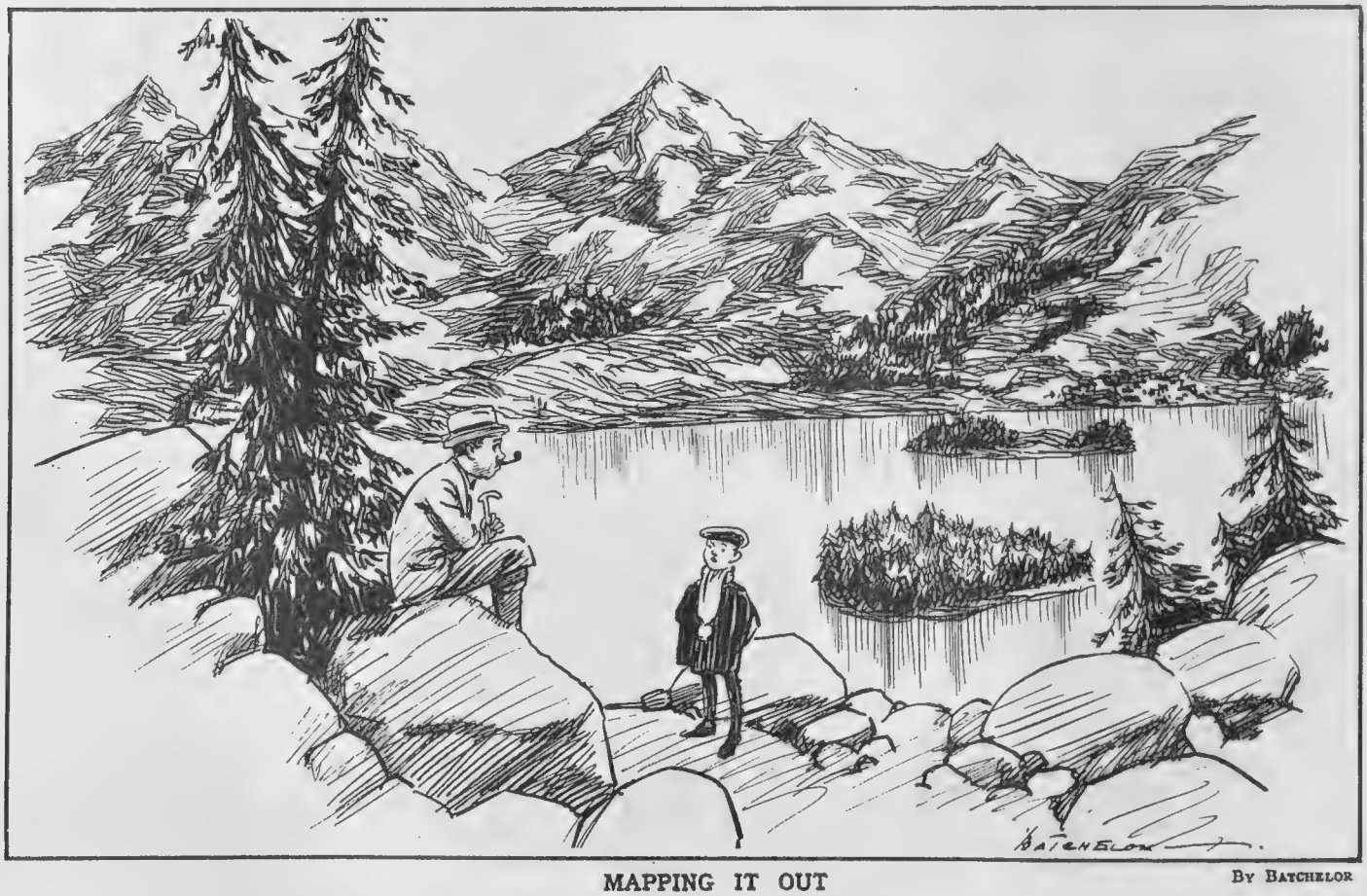
"Yogo's Xtmas card"

"A frightful hoof-pad"

Almost I had arrived to my lodgings-abode, when a terrible voice ejaculed: "'And it over, guv'nor, or I'll pip you!" And then I observed a frightful hoof-pad armed to the teeth with a pistol and awfully big fists. "Indeedly yes," I repart, "I see you are very impoverish person, so I shall make you a gifting of this so luscious turkey-goose." This, I think to myself, are goodish deed and shows me to have a very generous and pious heart like Hon. Sir Carnegie and other saintish persons.

Howeverly, a good old custom still remains to be with us, vizly, the mistletoe kissings bough, and I hope that all Hon. Bystanders will strenuously see that it does not suffer extinctions. Wishing you all (as per Xtmas card) a happy and joyish season of the year, I remain,

Yogo Hama



MAPPING IT OUT

By BATCHELOR

FATHER: "Well, what do you think of it, Willie?"
WILLIE: "There seems to be an awful lot of geography about"

— THE FOLLOWING NIGHT !!!

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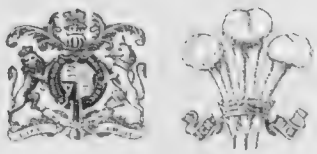

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By Blanchette. *Illustrated by HELEN McKIE*

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DEAR COUSIN—

TO see millions of people (says one of our present-day Daniels come to judgment) degenerating to the mental condition of sheep, where one jumps and the rest mechanically follow, is not an edifying spectacle. And adds sadly, does this idealist, that it isn't a specially good advert. (as they say in the best literary circles) for the vast sums of money which are being spent on education.

"Winter sports have begun early"

NOT altogether and always in complete favour of the *genus* Jeremiah I'm not, you know; alternative and shorter name for many whereof is, between you and me, something that sounds not entirely and utterly dissimilar from the significant little monosyllable Mud. But there are moments, one must admit, of fellow-feeling. Has been particularly annoyed, *e.g.*, this particular critic, by such little examples of the Crowd-Complex as the little affair that happened the other day when Mr. Rudolph Valentino came to see a film of his own at the Marble Arch Pav. And simply masses and mobs of women (the sort of Gawdelpus kind—English for *canaille*—who go and stand at church doors at so-called fashionable weddings) clustered around and tried to kiss him, and even knelt before this glossy-haired movie star of extremely foreign extraction.

QUITE likely comely Mr. Valentino did something quite splendid in the Great War for whatever nation he really represents—and anyway in that war super-film, "The Four Horsemen," he was as gallant a screen-hero as I've ever seen. But that didn't seem to be really the reason of this sheep-like affair—which I also, *moi qui vous parle*, happen to have beheld . . . . and was rather put to it, somehow, to deal successfully with subsequent meal, even under tactful superintendence of MM. Louis and Ferraro chez Ciro in the euphonious Street of Oranges, where the worst worries fade away even with the first mouthful of *hors d'œuvre* truly *variés*.

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AFTER all, this is the so-called festive season—or at any rate it's quite close at hand, with due daily reminders such as that we're to Shop Early for Christmas present purposes and so on. And incidentally, apparently, get to know any amount of kinds of animals quite well, real or unreal, in the course of that delightful Christmas operation of choosing presents for the Very Young. (Which sometimes owing to their ingenuity and fascination get diverted in the direction of the Adults, but that also is by the way).

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THE neurotic present-day craze for dancing (says our old friend Jeremiah) is another sign of the times. And goes on to tell us about the 'orrible 'abits of some people he knows, who start off with a tea-dance about 4 p.m., and then carry on till 5 or 6 a.m., with only slight breaks for the briefest of dinners and a chaste orgy of bacon and eggs somewhere in the small hours of the following morn. Which may of course be a sign of neurotic degeneracy, but at first sight seems to me, I must confess, merely a token of rather brutally youthful and healthful strength. Post-war heroes (and heroines) if you like, are those that can get away with such-like feats of endurance, but I have no hard words for *them*.

"This is the festive season"

"Dancing seven nights a week"

TALKING of which (dancing I mean) they're doing it everywhere nowadays, meseems, on about seven nights per week, including even the ancient and Conservative Cecil (most suitably Conservative name), where they started just about a week ago putting on a Sunday night dinner-dance instead of the ancient and perhaps somewhat excessively respectable concert. And both food and floor being good, *on danse* with much Sabbatarian pleasure (somehow you can't help remembering, with all the nice things from the country around you, that it *is* Sunday). . . . . Almost one could have wished the band a shade more secular and emphatic about the time—but after all we mustn't *hurry* these bold innovators, must we?

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THIS is, as I think I've already remarked, the festive season, or environs thereof, and the programme's so full of pantomimes and such seasonable entertainments that there'll positively be quite a rest-cure for a while for the diligent first-nighter, whose chief mission in life is to rend new plays to tatters between the Acts. *Peter Pan* this week at the Shaftesbury and *Alf's Button* at the

Oxford—and then a perfect stream of shows like *Charley's Aunt* and so on. Though, oddly enough, only two actual pantos in the very heart of London, viz., *Cinderella* and *Dick Whittington* at the Palladium and the Lyceum, each to each.

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THERE'S a lovely circus coming too, I'm told, at Olympia next week, with lots of real bareback riding and a man who wields (or whatever you do with them) no less than seventy lions all at once. Which means, come to think of it, that there'll be at least sixty-nine poor little Lions who haven't got a Christian—but let us away with such melancholy thoughts. Especially as over a dozen clowns are promised us, not to mention another choice little turn with fifty Horses, Dogs and Bears, and a great Tableau with 18 Horses and 12 Dogs. No stint of animal amusement, what?

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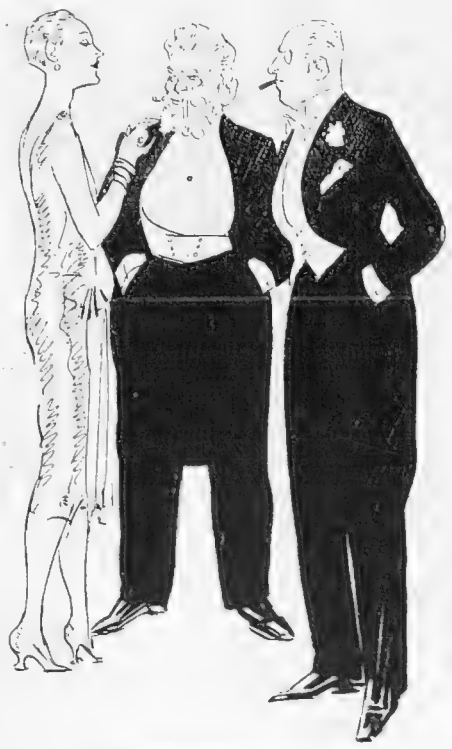
WINTER sports meanwhile, am told, have begun quite prematurely early at some of the Swiss places because of the big frosts and snow—that even this benighted little island has already had a touch of, too. Though of course no one really starts winter-sporting much till January in the ordinary way, unless extra hopeful or supplied with special Swiss resort at least 5,000 feet or so above zero or sea-level or whatever they call it. Or sufficiently satisfied with dances and lunches and such-like, and just a glance now and then at distant snow-clad mountain peaks, as it's whispered *some* are—in which case the season, need I say, is quite a lot longer *and* more elastic, also independent of mere capricious weather accidents, *n'est-ce-pas?*



"At a delightfully gorgeous house"

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HERE in London now, meantime, I hear of one or two bright new things, such as, *par exemple*, the opening this month of the new Chester Club in Grosvenor Place, at a frightfully and delightfully gorgeous house that once belonged to one of the Rothschilds. All the committee and so on seem to be Earls and Countesses and Princesses and people, and though "mixed" the club's going to provide bedrooms for women only. To balance things up a bit, however, there is a perfectly good smoking-room in which the mere male can find a refuge—if he needs one—from weak woman.

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STILL, as one of our best peers remarked the other day, "Safety First" is a singularly dull motto—or, as he even more picturesquely put it, "a rotten phrase."

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By H. DENNIS BRADLEY.

THE study of history provides a source of perpetual amusement. Queen Elizabeth, for example, was decidedly an amusing character.

Elizabeth was called the Virgin Queen. It is not my purpose either to dispute or to support this allegation. It is as easy to ascribe her virtue to necessity as to ascribe her lack of it to other causes. In such matters as these it is only gallant to offer any lady the choice of the benefit or the compliment of one's doubt.

My sole reason for this discourse is that Queen Elizabeth apparently held tailors in contempt. In one of her least witty addresses she denounced the tailor as but the ninth part of a man. Now, in defending this industrious section of the community, I feel that I must protest. If Elizabeth were what history alleges her to have been, it would be foolish to credit her with any authority to pose as a judge of what constitutes a man and his parts. Elizabeth was certainly slanderous to the craft in her remarks, but in our charity let us concede to her the possible excuse of a natural irritation which may have been her only emotional shortcoming.

Since the so-called good old days of the sixteenth century—which, incidentally, were disgustingly insanitary—we have progressed enormously, and the twentieth century has already shed the Victorian hypocritical prejudices. Standards and estimates are revolutionised, and snobbery is now fashionable only with suburbanites.

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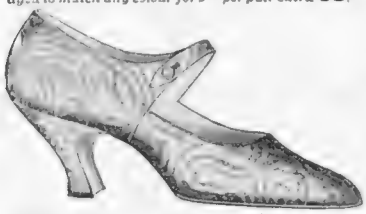

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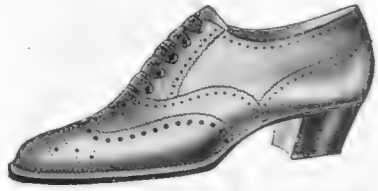

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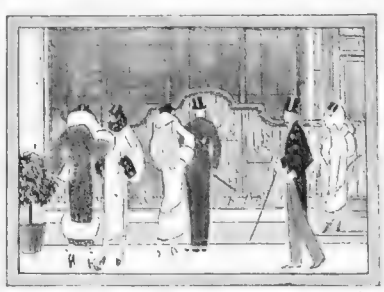

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HUNTING NOTES

By A. W. COATEN.

A Pytchley Loss

DEEP grief was caused in the Pytchley country, and, indeed, in hunting circles generally, by the death early this month of Lady Lowther, the wife of the Joint Master, Sir Charles Lowther. Her illness had kept her out of the hunting field for some time past, but she will always be remembered as one of the pluckiest and best of lady riders to hounds in the Shires. Nobody connected with the Pytchley Hunt is likely to forget the splendid service she rendered in keeping the hounds going during the absence of Sir Charles Lowther on military service during the war. She made an extremely successful Field-Master under difficult circumstances, and was immensely popular in Northampton hunting circles.

Rider's Strain

I HAVE received the following letter from a North Country reader:—"I wonder if you would ask any kind rider if he would be good enough to give advice on curing rider's strain, and how soon one may hope to hunt again. Any other useful information about it would be received with thanks. It must be a fairly common complaint. It is a strain of the muscles with which one grips in jumping chiefly." My correspondent is quite right in believing the trouble to be fairly frequent among riders to hounds. The best remedy for it seems to be that laid down by Col. R. F. Meysey-Thompson in his *Hunting Catechism*. By wrapping a long soft leather strap round the afflicted thigh in the form of a figure of eight and then passing it round the body and fastening it by a buckle, much support to the injured muscle will be afforded. With this device it is possible to obviate rider's strain.

The Festive Season

MANY Hunts have now made arrangements for their annual dance, a festivity which is keenly looked forward to by a large section of hunting people. It may be interesting to give a few dates. The South Notts Hunt will have their ball on the 22nd inst., and a similar fixture has been arranged in connection with the Trowbridge Beagles at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on December 29. Two days later the Otter Vale Beagles have a Hunt Ball at Honiton, and on January 1 the members of the West Kent Hunt will dance at Somerhill, Tonbridge, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. D'Avigdor-Goldsmith. The High Peak Hunt Ball is fixed for January 4 at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, and on the following night the East Sussex Hunt Ball takes place at Battle Abbey by permission of Mrs. Jacoby. January 7 is the date set aside for the Vine Hunt Ball, and on the following day the Sinnington Hunt Dance will be brought off at Duncombe Park, Helmsley, by permission of Lord Feversham's trustees.

Sport Resumed

AFTER one of the sharpest spells of hard weather which can be remembered so early in the winter, the ground became fit for riding over again in the latter half of last week. Sport was resumed with the majority of packs which are not still hampered by foot-and-mouth regulations. Although scenting conditions were not particularly good at the outset, it was intensely agreeable to be out with the hounds again after quite a long spell of idleness. Most of the Midland packs hope to be in full swing by the end of the month, though this is contingent upon freedom from any further outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease.

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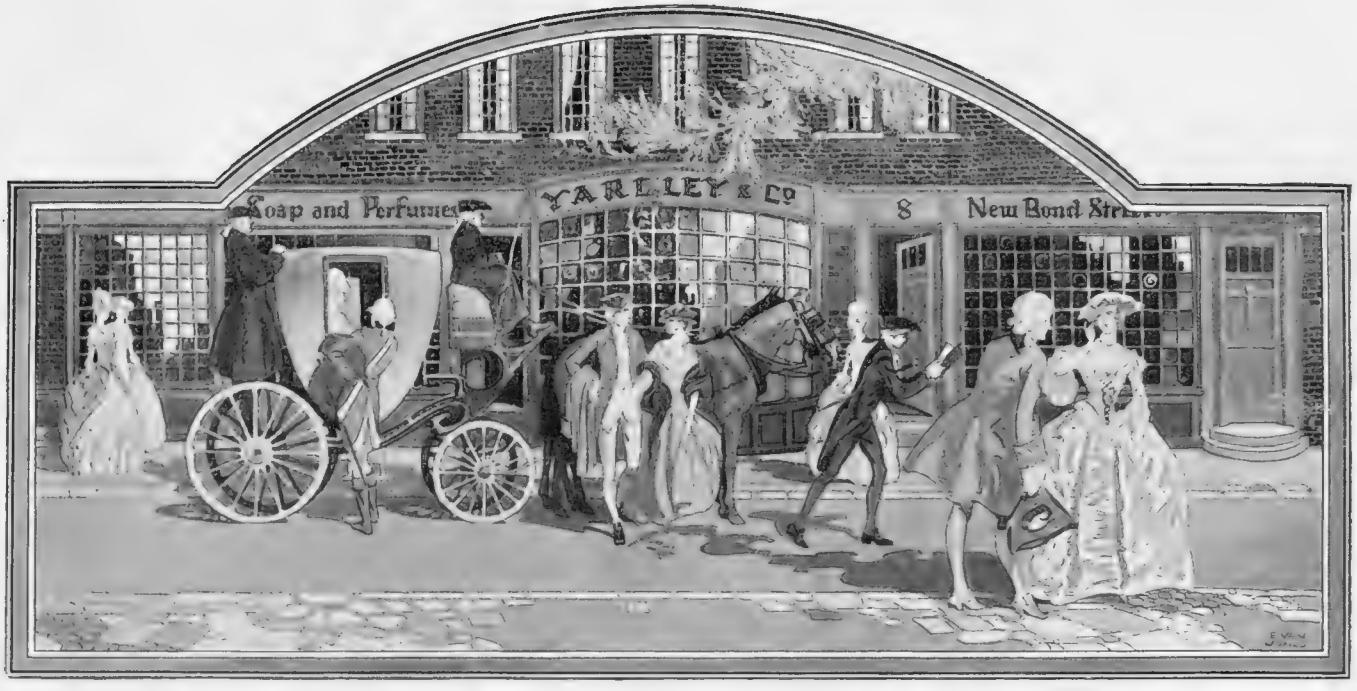

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RACING NOTIONS

By "CARBINE"

Controversies

MANY old racing controversies have come to the front lately as a result of speeches delivered at the dinner of the Gimcrack Club and the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. A good deal of prominence has been given in the papers to the suggested reforms. Such topics naturally come as a boon and a blessing to racing correspondents at the dullest period of the whole year. Whether the Jockey Club will take notice of the various suggestions is quite another matter. They have been told that the right thing to do is to refuse to allow foreign horses to be handicapped here unless they have previously run in this country. A great many people are in favour of legislation to this effect. Nobody likes to see so many of our best prizes won by horses from France, though so long as we accept their entries unconditionally it seems rather churlish to grumble about any successes they may achieve from time to time.

French Form

IT is obvious that our handicappers are at a disadvantage in attempting accurately to estimate the value of current French form. We may be sure, however, that men like Mr. T. F. Dawkins never handicap a foreigner until they have taken some trouble to ascertain his merits in his own country. In the case of classic performers in France the form would seem to be fairly cut-and-dried, yet I fear we have had examples of that form being looked upon much too lightly by our handicappers. I refer now to the way in which Sir Gallahad was thrown into the Lincolnshire Handicap last year, while Tapin was similarly treated during the past season. Both these horses had won the French Two Thousand Guineas, and were weighted more leniently than the winners of our own Guineas would have been.

Jockey Club's Attitude

I DO not think the Stewards of the Jockey Club will be induced to take up this question of the handicapping of foreign horses. Years ago a rule was passed which prohibited such horses from running in our handicaps unless they had been trained in this country for some time previously, or else had been seen in English races. For some reason that rule was cancelled after it had been in operation for only a few seasons, so it is improbable that the authorities will go back upon the attitude they have maintained for so long. Another suggested reform to which the Stewards of the Jockey Club have consistently turned a deaf ear is in regard to the appointment of salaried Stewards. The contention of our racing legislators appears to be that the amateur Stewards are quite capable of carrying out those duties which, we are told, should be filled by a stipendiary Steward. This theory is all right providing you always have honorary Stewards who take a conscientious view of their duties. At the present time very few of them ever leave the stands while racing is in progress.

Question of Stewards

IT would be an advantage if some of our local Stewards went down the course occasionally. They would probably see things there which cannot easily be discerned from the vicinity of the winning post. Providing our amateur Stewards carry out their work on these lines, I doubt whether it would be an advantage to add to the number of paid racing officials. It is claimed that the stipendiaries could play a useful part in bringing to the notice of the acting Stewards any inconsistencies of form which may impress them, but, of course, exactly the same thing is done by the licensed handicappers. So here, again, I question whether the "stipes" would be worth the substantial salaries which would have to be paid to them. These views are merely personal ones, and there is a strong feeling in racing circles that something should be done in the matter. It would at least be interesting if the Jockey Club were to try the experiment of stipendiary Stewards for a season or two. No harm would be done if they failed to prove of real value. On the other hand, those of us who believe them to be an unnecessary luxury might be convinced of their utility.

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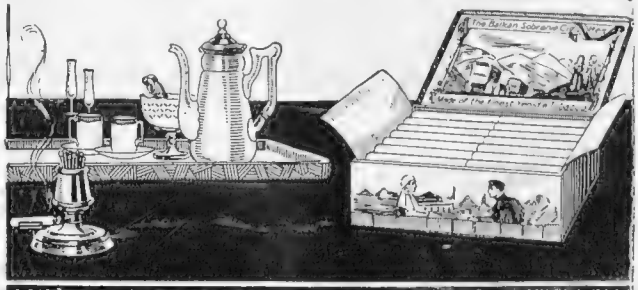

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What has happened is this. Bad, indifferent and mediocre performers have noticed that good players do occasionally bid very high initially, with satisfactory results. They have seized upon the idea and have worked it to death.

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No experienced player, with the exception of the American writer, Miss Florence Irwin, doubts the effectiveness of the pre-emptive or shut-out bids *when properly used.* But what the weaker players fail to realise is the subtle distinction between hands which demand drastic treatment and those which do not require it, or on which it is positively wrong. The right hand to pre-empt on is of rare occurrence.

The tendency of many players is to play Bridge as if it were "Skip" (three-handed Bridge). They treat their partners as non-existent, and gamble on their having good hands without allowing them a say in the matter of calling. They forget that Auction Bridge is essentially a partnership game.

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The idea of bidding is to build up between the two partners a contract in which they can most effectively combine.

The big bidder who will persistently open with a call of three of a suit, heedless of the fact that his partner may be bare of it, destroys confidence and chance of co-operation. The whole thing is very selfish and that I suppose is why it is so popular, since selfishness at cards is one of the foibles of human nature.

The reckless No-Trumps caller, who bids on two Kings and a hope, is particularly trying, especially as when it comes off, and you put him down a No-Trumps hand, he thinks he has done something clever and is confirmed in his evil ways.

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In my latest book, *Auction Bridge and Problems,* I have given a number of specimen hands which demand pre-emptive treatment.

Speaking generally, a pre-emptive bid of three of a major suit should be made only on certain types of freak hands, such as six or seven of a suit *without the Ace.* The idea of pre-empting is to try to shut out opponents from a possible game bid. If you make a bid of three, your hand should be worth seven possible tricks if the suit becomes trumps. In minor suits a pre-emptive bid of less than five is seldom effective.

A bid of five should show nine possible tricks, and should be made on hands like these :—

(1) S—None. H—x. D—A, Q, J, x. C—K, Q, 10, x, x, x, x, x. (Five Clubs.)

(2) S—x. H—K, x. D—K, Q, 10, x, x, x, x, x. C—A, K. (Five Diamonds.)

(3) S—None. H—None. D—K, Q, J, 10, x, x, x, x, x. C—A, K, 10, x, x. (Five Diamonds.)

Note that possessing A, K, Q to six or seven, or even A, K to six or seven, you should not pre-empt, but make a bid of one of the suit. The absence of the Ace makes all the difference in the world.

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I am a great believer in an initial bid of two, or even three, No-Trumps when you have a hand to justify. But a bid of two No-Trumps should be made only when you have a guard in every suit and one long established suit, or suit which can

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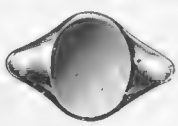

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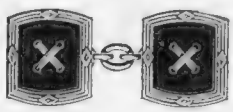

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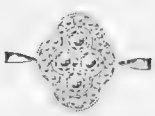

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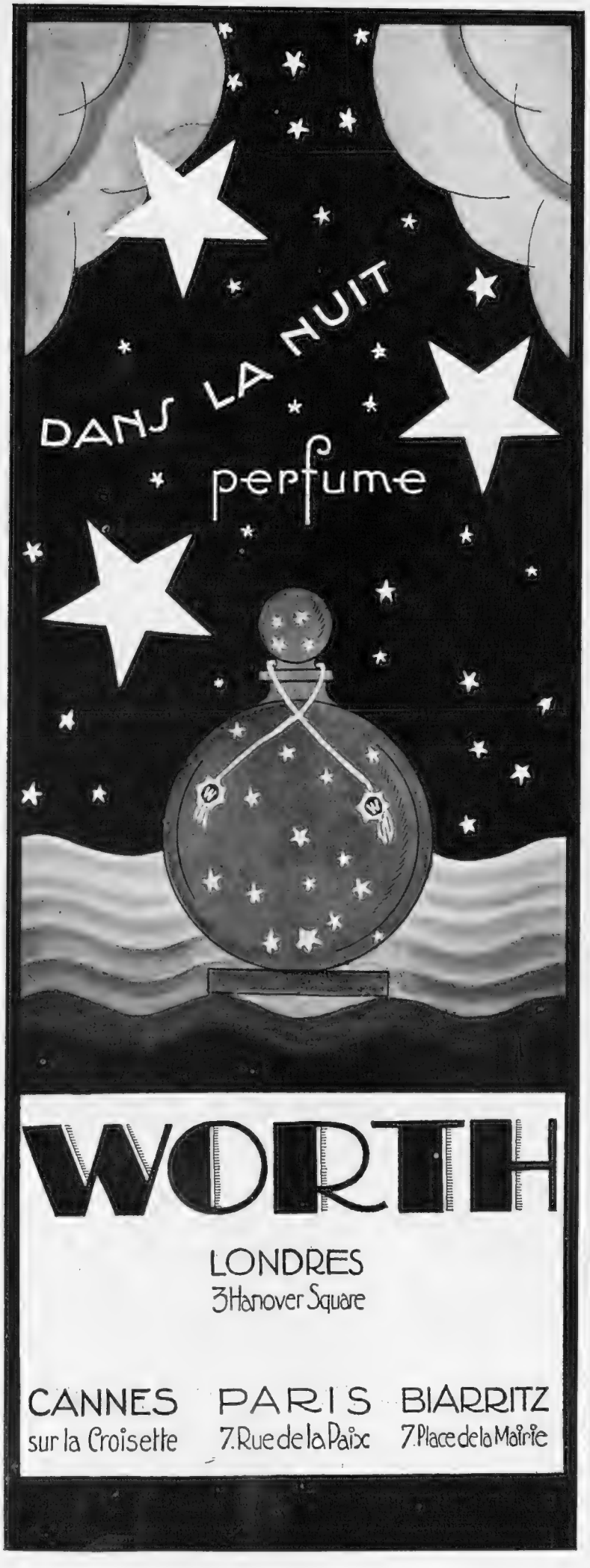

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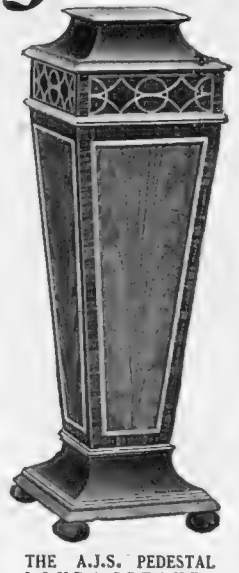

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. . . . . .

A correspondent sends the following hand :—

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	S—Q, 10, 2 D—x, x, x, x.	H—K, x, x. C—x, x, x.
Y		
S—K, J, 9, 6, 4. H—A, x, x. D—x, x. C—J, x, x.	A	B S—A, 5, 3. H—J, x, x, x, x. D—J, x, x. C—x, x, x.
	Z	
	S—8, 7. D—A, K, Q, 10.	H—Q, 6, 3 C—A, K, Q, J,

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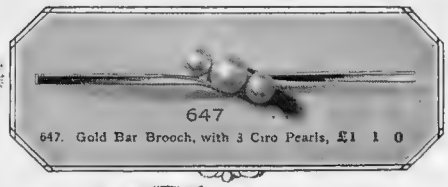

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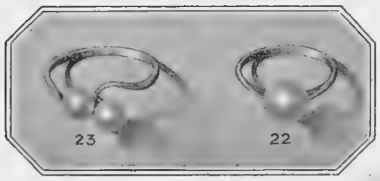

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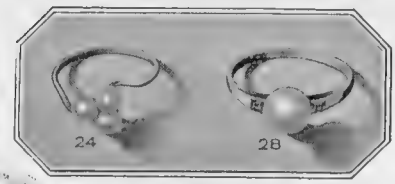

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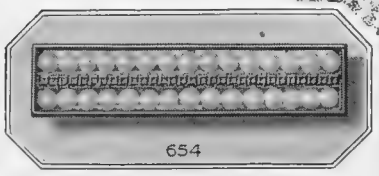

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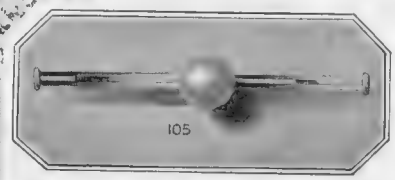

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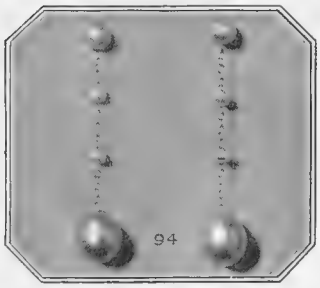

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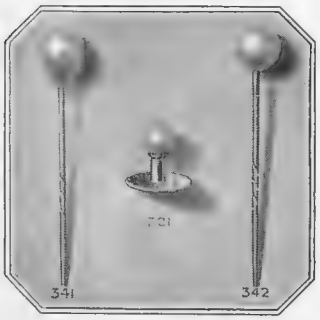

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FEMINA

À LA RUSSE, BUT NOT AS RUSSIA HAS IT

By "CANDIDA"

To wear them, or not to wear them—it's a terrific problem, and by "them" I mean the Russian ending to what would otherwise be a smart, irreproachably British appearance, in spite of a coat that billows in the proper places into French *godets*, and a hat that's as Parisian as it can manage—at the price. Altogether it's quite a pleasant picture spoilt only by those prehistoric tubes of leather which wrinkle haphazardly over what one supposes to be two divine ankles. On second thoughts, are they as divine as all that? Some of the best people have been known to fail there, though it's more important nowadays to have ankles than to have a beautiful profile, or a distinguished manner, or a magnificent lack of figure. It always was, if the truth were known, even when ankles were taken for granted, when one saw so little of them that they became a luxury, so to speak, or even an event.

There's been, and still is, a cult in beautiful silken ankles, a cult achieved with tremendous effort. . . . No; we'll be charitable and suppose that they just "happen" without wearisome exercises and tight, elastic bands. To seclude them, when one's got them, in a pair of shapeless "uppers," as the shoemakers say, is selfish and unreasonable, to express it mildly. It's hiding one's light under a bushel—always an unintelligent thing to do. Therefore, it's generally supposed that the people who wear Russian boots have a good reason for it, and that "any port in a storm" is their motto. Not that this has been my experience exactly. It's always the people with the most hopeless legs who wear the shortest skirts. Anyway, fog, frost, snow and the usual winter paraphernalia have nothing to do with the idea. "Everybody with something to show keeps the goods in the window," says the public, which proves exactly where we still stand in its estimation.

Is the public right about us? Sometimes I wonder. Any person of average intelligence would say that clothes were intended to cover one for reasons so obvious that they needn't be mentioned. That may have been their intention in the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, for instance, but it's been lost sight of long ago. Clothes were invented to uncover whatever is nice enough to be left uncovered. On the principle that words were given us to hide our thoughts, or rather on the reverse of it, dress is designed to undress—anyway, when it's made by the best people. The others, those who are neither clever nor expensive, get a little obscured by not seeing things as they are. Mostly they copy the letter and miss the spirit. *Madame la Mode* is never easy to understand.

The real reason for those Russian boots is exercising lots of people. They've arrived on the scene now that our enthusiasm for Russia and the "incomprehensible" Slav is in abeyance. Not that we understand him any better, but we're no longer sure that we want to. Therefore, why this sudden revival—in boots—of an interest that used to be lavished on literature and music, on ballets and head-dresses and toques? Of all this local colour the boots are the least attractive. I have admired them immensely in their proper place, on the feet of Cossack dancers, at super-Russian ballets. You know the sort of thing I mean; all bent knees and wonderful leaps and shrill war-cries with the Volga Boating Song thrown in to make it more amusing, or anyway more melodious. It's an acquired taste in dancing and in boots, like caviare, or *thé à la Russe*, drunk out of a glass with slices of lemon in it instead of nice, wholesome milk. The mystery is—why are we acquiring it now? Some good people see in it a threat to our civilisation. Bolshevism, they say, creeps in on stealthy feet always encased in big, ruthless, leather boots. It's typical, it's symbolical, because people feel as they dress; no longer do they dress as they feel. Therefore the boots are a danger, though it's hard to believe it. I've met them on such unconvincing feet, the sort of feet that never would, nor could, stride into any position that didn't rightfully belong to them—not while men are men.

Dorothy Wilding

MISS PEGGY HOLLAND

The attractive young dancer who is playing in "Mercenary Mary" at the London Hippodrome. Miss Holland also understudies June in this show

I've arrived at some conclusions of my own and give them to you for what they are worth. (1) The people who are wearing Russian boots are wearing them because it's the coldest winter we've had for fifty years, or thereabouts, and because it isn't exactly comfortable to spend it in attenuated skirts, chilly, silk stockings, and *suède* slippers. "No reason at all if you've got ankles," says the public. But everybody hasn't. (2) They're wearing them, not because they admire Russia, or know anything about Russia, or intend to stride rough-shod over such of the population as will let them; they're simply wearing them because somebody started it and the world is full of people who're never so happy as when they look exactly like somebody else. (3) They're wearing them because they are a pleasant help in time of trouble, and when is a filmy, silk stocking not in trouble? It ladders, it rips and goes into holes at the psychological moment—always the wrong one—and then it's any port in a storm, as I've said before. (4) And, lastly, they're wearing them because there was a surplus of leather this autumn, and no way of turning it into cash, until some enterprising person thought of the boots. Russia had no hand in it at all. And you can't go on seeing bargains every day of your life in almost every shop window without finally falling to them. I needn't add that Paris has nothing good to say of the idea. It was not hers, therefore she looks on it as a sort of *lèse-majesté*. Is she to be the promoter of fashion for nothing? Perish the idea! But we, meanwhile, go on wearing the boots.

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DOG DAYS IN WINTER

By "THE KENNELMAN"

A CONSIDERABLE number of provincial Dog Shows are announced for Christmas week, many, like those of Plymouth and Preston, for Boxing Day. The present fashion of confining most Shows to a single day, and none to more than two days, albeit not yet adopted on the Continent, is cordially approved by British fanciers. Especially during the wintry months, the average exhibition building does not provide the snuggest all-night quarters for carefully nurtured Dogs.

The Kennelman knows naught of the internal politics of the different Alsatian Wolfdog societies, but he fancies many enthusiasts will respond to one of the avowed aims of the new British Alsatian Association: ". . . to be managed on British lines by Britishers for the British lovers and breeders of a British-born Dog of the Alsatian variety. This, we are convinced, must appeal to every Alsatianist in this country who desires to foster the breed on lines shorn of all German influences and inspired by the wish to create a perfect specimen of British nationality." So far as character and temperament are concerned, it is the doggy qualities most directly traceable to German breeding that are disliked in this country. British-bred Dogs become thoroughly British in character and temperament in the course of a very few generations; and—they suit us; just as they seem to be most highly approved in other parts of the world. The difference between an English Airedale police Dog and a Prussian-bred police Dog is as notable and as fundamental as the difference between typical English and German policemen and soldiers.

It has been suggested that by way of helping to eliminate that tragical survival of darker days, the stray and homeless Dog, all puppies should be taxed, as it were, from the nest, instead of, as now, from the age of six months. It is argued that, puppies being free of taxation up to the age of six months, those of them that have small market value often become strays as the result of being given away, or sold for a shilling or so, to the sort of folk who turn them adrift rather than pay 7*s.* 6*d.* when they become taxable. There may be something in the idea, but taxing from the nest on would penalise the very folk who should not be penalised, namely, breeders of pedigree stock who provide us with our best Dogs. The surest way of eliminating the stray would be by the real enforcement of existing regulations No Dogs should be allowed in the streets "on their own"; all should have name-plates on their collars; no Dog found at large to be restored to its owner save on payment of a fairly substantial fine.

"We shall take the Dogs to Town, because, as it's only for mid-winter anyhow, they won't miss the outdoor life." The Kennelman hopes this correspondent's error is not widespread. Many Dogs can be given a happy enough life in Town, but there's no Dog living that needs no outings in winter. True, he does not want to lie about on the grass then, as in summer, but his need of steady, regular exercise is greater in winter than in summer and his pleasure in violent exercise is keener than ever in cold weather. Reasonably warm resting and sleeping quarters, by all means (though here the most important thing is the avoidance of sharp variations, rather than of low temperatures), but whatever you do, don't cut down the allowance of outdoor exercise, nor of flesh food, in winter.

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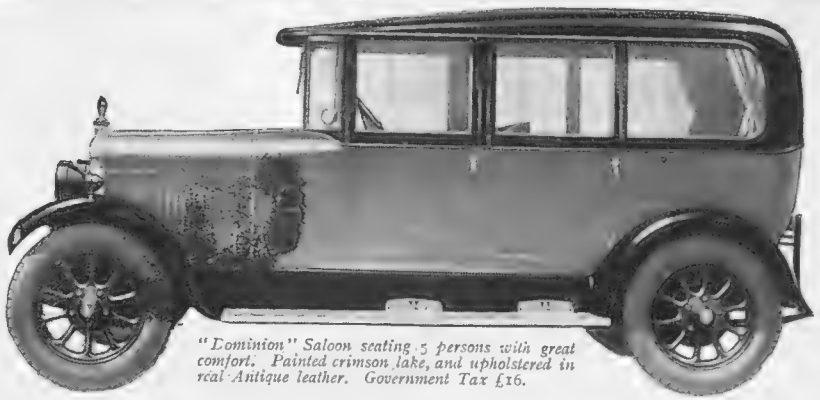

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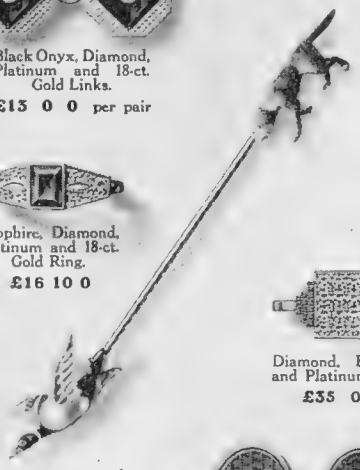

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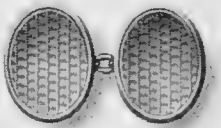

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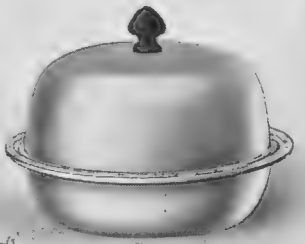

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A Bystander among the BOOKS

By RALPH STRAUS

THEY will tell you that the changes which the last fifty years have seen are greater than those which any previous five centuries witnessed. It is, indeed, a far cry from the jazz-loving, motoring, fast-moving world of to-day to the leisurely, queerly circumscribed world of the 'seventies. And it is a little odd, perhaps, to find Mr. Eden Phillpotts studying that particular period as far as it relates to polite England. One is glad, however, that he has done so, for his new novel is in its way a little masterpiece. *George Westover* (Hutchinson, 7*s.* 6*d.* net) is the quiet story of a retired Indian judge whose financial misfortunes have caused him to seek a cheap refuge with his family in one of the less fashionable seaside resorts. It is never vastly exciting, but it contains one of the most delightful portraits of an old gentleman that I remember ever to have seen.

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AT the time when the Westovers come to Dawmouth Sir George is seventy-six. He is a man of the utmost rectitude (in spite of one questionable affair—questionable, that is to say, in the light of public opinion of that time), but is inclined to imagine that money will always be forthcoming, particularly when it is required for acts of kindness or charity. He can, and does, still admire a pretty face. He believes that only one section of the Church of England is capable of embracing the real Truth, and has no hesitation in forbidding one of his daughters to marry a parson who is sufficiently wrong-headed to be "High." He is the queerest mixture of contradictory qualities.

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HIS last decade is not lacking in dramatic episodes—Mr. Phillpotts, as you know, is a first-class story-teller—but it is not so much these as the old gentleman himself who demands your interest and admiration from first page to last. To the moderns the conversations of Sir George and his daughters must seem impossibly antiquated, and yet one must take it for a faithful representation of the talk of the time. The book must be read at one's leisure if its full flavour is to be obtained. Read in this way, it seems to me to be one of the most graciously human books which Mr. Phillpotts has ever written—an entertainment of the best kind, shrewd and witty and wise, and in places not a little pathetic. See that it is added to your library list.

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MR. NIGEL PLAYFAIR'S success with a theatre whose geographical position remained for some time after its reopening wholly unknown to the majority of London playgoers may justly be termed the Hammersmith Miracle. The plain tale of that success is now to be read in a gorgeous volume which looks as if it would cost two guineas at least, though it is to be had for less than half that sum. *The Story of the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith* (Chatto and Windus, 16*s.* net), is the most entrancing peep behind the strangest possible scenes.

Mr. Playfair himself is a modest man—he has insisted, for instance, on Arnold Bennett and A. A. Milne writing introductions and epilogues for him—and throughout his book this or that person is always being cited as the real cause of his successes. The fact remains, however, that without Playfair the Lyric would have remained for all time what it was—not at all the sort of place in which you or I would have cared to be seen.

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"IN 1918," writes Mr. Playfair's son, "he bought a queer theatre at Hammersmith, and got famous as a perducer." There you have the foundation of everything. What the public sees, however, and what has really been happening behind the scenes are two very different things. Here in a most amusingly outspoken book you have the detailed history of every one of the Hammersmith productions, including, of course, that alleged gold-mine, *The Beggar's Opera*. It is all most quaintly done, and the illustrations in colour are a joy.

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IT is a little difficult to know what exactly to say of Mr. L. P. Hartley's short novel, *Simonetta Perkins* (Putnams, 7*s.* 6*d.* net). It will not be to everybody's taste, but it is an unusually clever, even brilliant, picture of a rich, highly cultured Bostonian young woman, who in Venice conceives—what?—the very warmest admiration for her gondolier. What precise course the story takes it would be unfair to say, though in justice to the author it may be hinted that the reader remains in doubt as to what is to happen until the last few sentences are reached.

Mr. Hartley's work is marked by a distinction about which, as with the story itself, one is in doubt what precisely to say. His language is excellently chosen, and he obtains his effects in a manner peculiarly his own.

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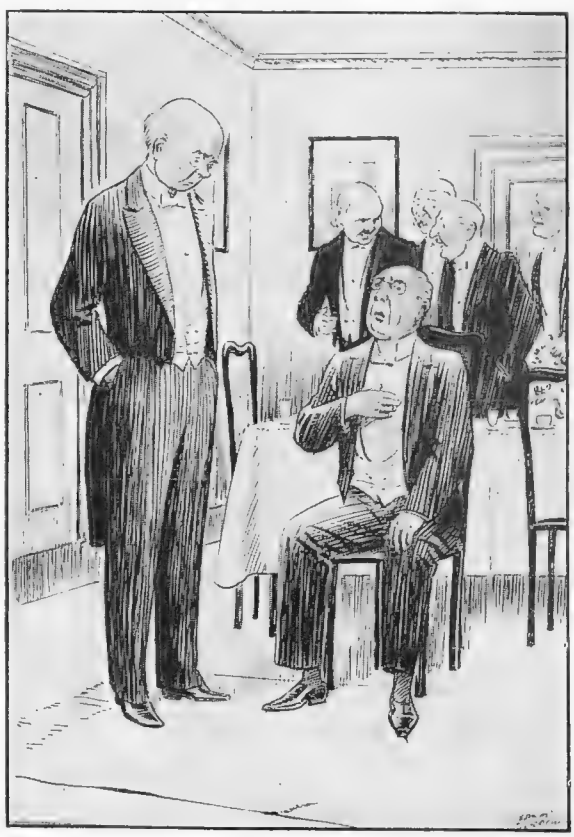
ALTHOUGH the Prince of Wales has played the part of Imperial Ambassador yet again since his visit to India, the interest in that visit has not died down, and one may welcome a finely produced volume which deals with a less official side of the earlier tour. *H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Sport in India* (Heinemann, 32*s.* net) is a complete and, incidentally, a most interesting and entertaining record of his sporting activities. Mr. Bernard Ellison and Sir H. Perry Robinson are jointly responsible for the work, which is very fully illustrated, and should make an admirable present.



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CHRISTMAS shopping is upon us, and we are all endeavouring to keep on as good terms as possible with our bank managers until the holiday season is over, if not for a longer period. This, therefore, is one of the best times of the year at which to purchase a motor car, although it will take a long time to induce the buyer to place his order at the end of the year instead of in the spring. The shopping motto at present is: "Buy early and avoid the rush." The rush for motor cars will take place in the early spring, and those who hope to add themselves to the ranks of new motorists in the coming season should bear in mind that last spring many prospective owners of small cars were disappointed, and lost several of the best motoring months of the year, because the manufacturers were so full of orders that early delivery could not be given

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WITH the festive season upon us I will now turn to a subject of particular interest to motorists—namely, that of alcohol. The liquid to which I refer is not intended for personal internal application, but is that variety sometimes known as "denatured," or, in other words, methylated spirits, which is often used to prevent the cooling water freezing. This question of the solidifying of the cooling medium in frosty weather always exercises the minds of careful owners. By the addition of "methy" the freezing-point of the water can be very considerably reduced, but it has one great disadvantage in that the spirit vaporises when the water gets hot, and this loss has to be made up. I am informed by an expert that glycerine is by far the best admixture in order to prevent freezing troubles.

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THE first annual dinner of the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club was a most successful affair. From the enthusiasm of the diners I should imagine that this will be one of the most popular fixtures of the year. The guest of honour at the inaugural function was the Secretary of State for India (Lord Birkenhead), ably supported by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport (Lieut.-Colonel J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon). Tribute was paid by all the speakers to the excellent service which the Brooklands Track had rendered to the British motoring industry in allowing them to submit cars to the most searching of all tests, that of sustained high speed. The generosity of Mr. Locke-King and the hard work of Colonel Lindsay Lloyd were gratefully acknowledged by the whole of the members present. It was an excellent function, and would have been still further enjoyed by the present writer if he had not been called upon to provide one of the speeches.

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THE worst hill in the London-Exeter run apparently will be Salcombe, and a friend of mine who has recently returned from tests there tells me that 18 m.p.h. (the minimum speed) is rather a high average to expect. He is inclined to think that cars exceeding 1,500 c.c. have been somewhat heavily handicapped in comparison with smaller cars.

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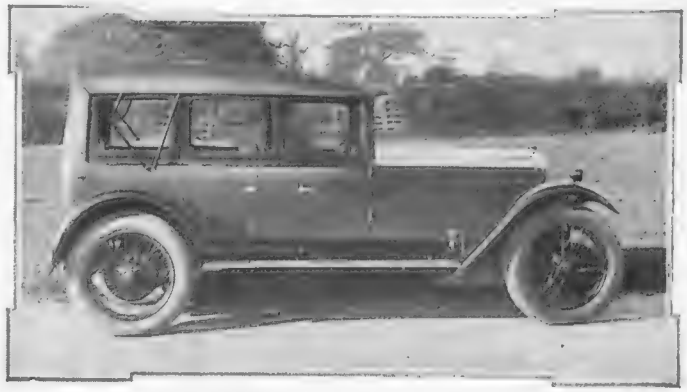

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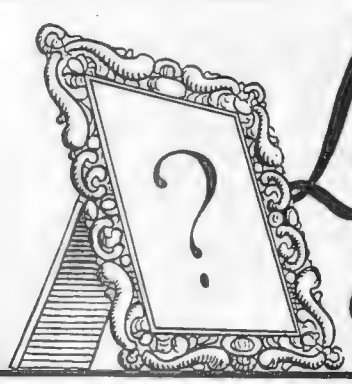

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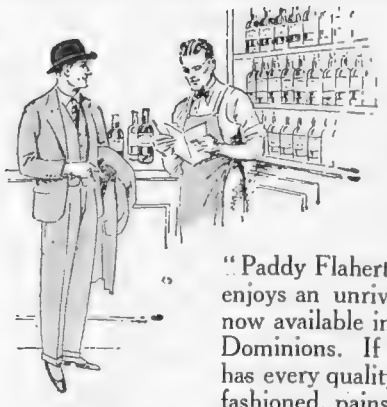

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A Welcome Cabinet Meeting

When I told my niece, Doris, that I was going to take her to meet the Cabinet this Christmas, she made s.o.s. noises and took cover behind the settee. However, her modest fears ended literally in smoke when I explained to her that the cabinet in question was one which I was giving her for Christmas, and contained nothing else than State Express Cigarettes. These State Express cabinets and caskets form an ideal present. The Louis, the Sèvres, and the Tudor for instance, are three most attractive caskets. They each contain 150 No. 555 Virginia cigarettes, and each cost but 14*s.*

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A SMOKER'S BOON.

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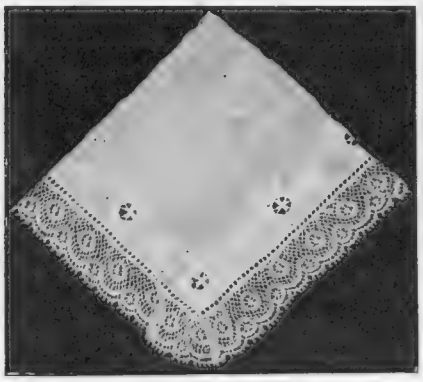

AN ATTRACTIVE "HANKIE"

An embroidered handkerchief in fine sheer linen from Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver

In Lighter Mood

A room in which the lights are so brilliant as to hurt the eyes is as unpleasant as one in which the light is a negligible quantity. And it is not always an easy matter to find the happy medium. Uncle Dick, for example, complains that the shade on his study lamp throws the light where it is not needed, namely, on to the ceiling. So for Christmas I shall give him a Berkeley Alabaster Electric Light Fitting, which is not only extremely decorative, but very cheap, costing from 15*s.* to £1 1*s.* only! These are obtainable from the establishment of Messrs. Girdlestone & Co., 23, Davies Street, W. 1.

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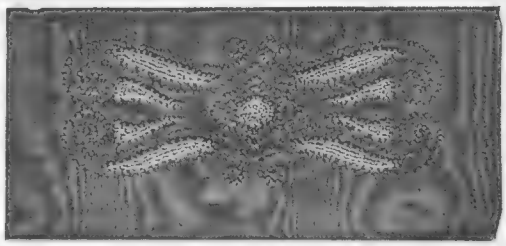

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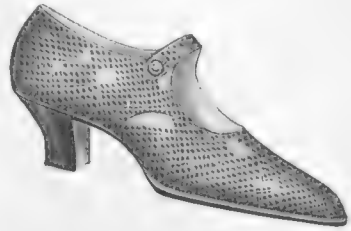

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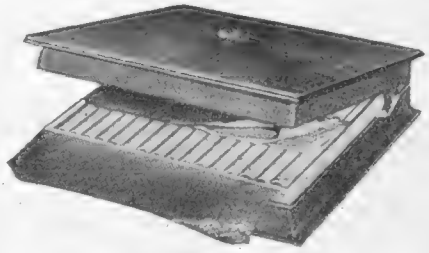

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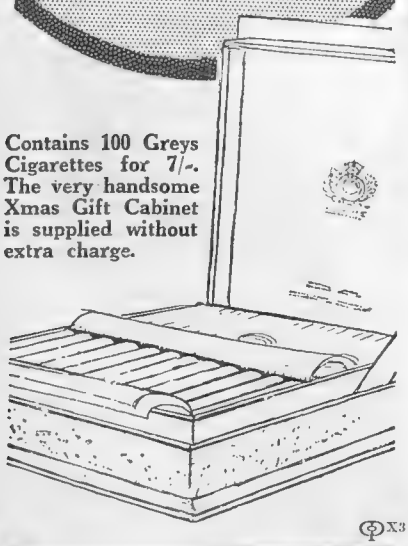

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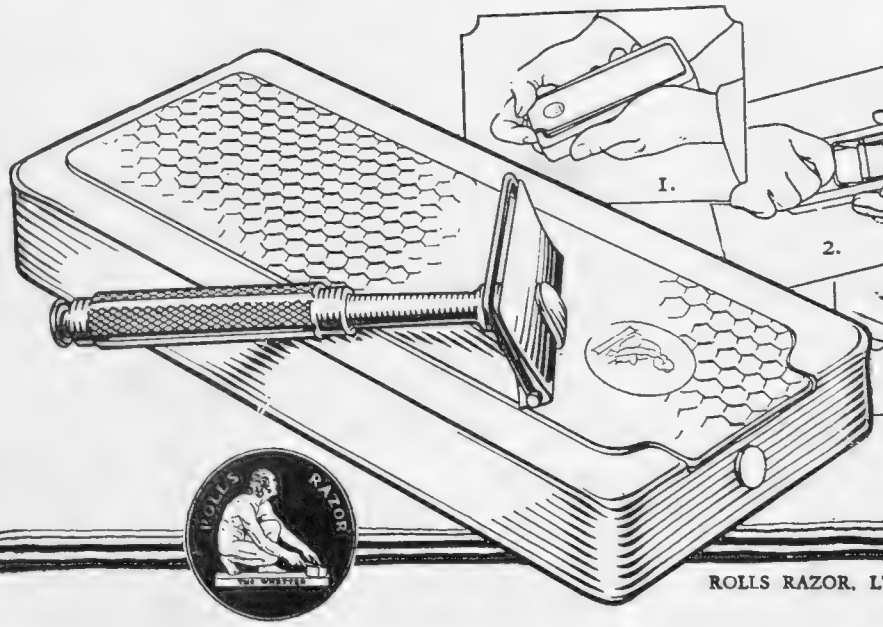

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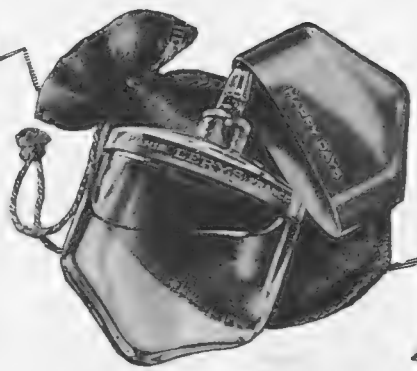

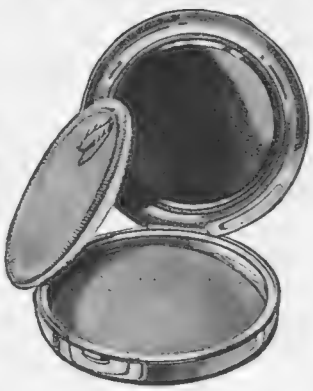

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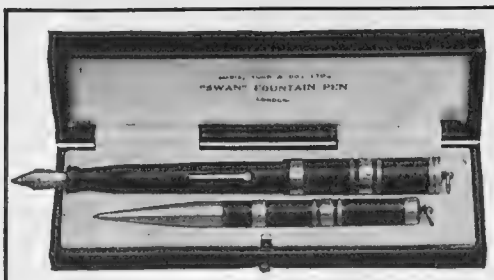

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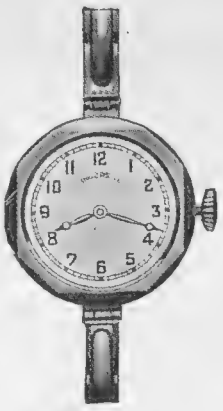

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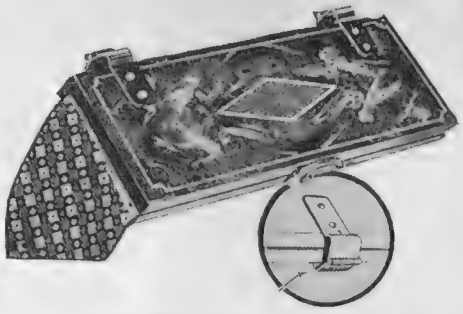

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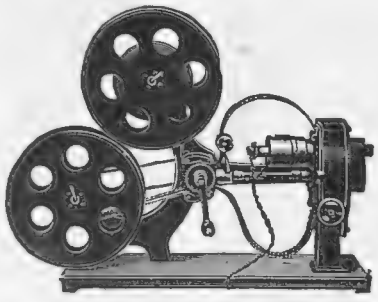

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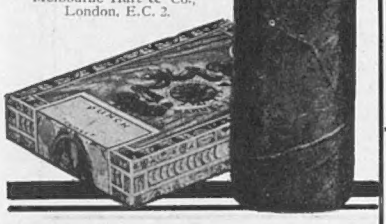

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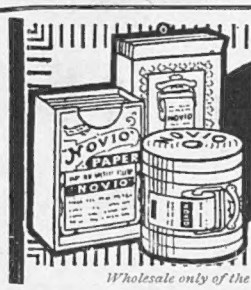

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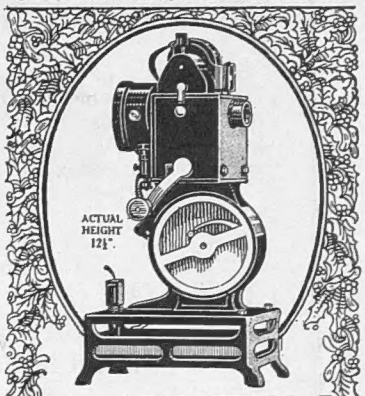

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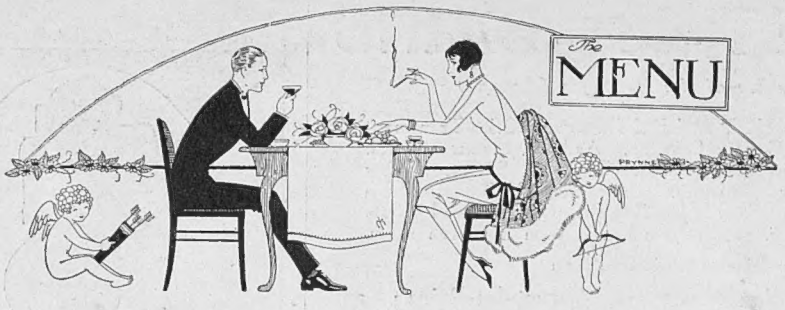

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Roast Turkey with Chestnuts

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Boiled Turkey and Oyster Stuffing

Stuff a medium-sized turkey with the following ingredients: Chop 4 ozs. of suet finely, mix it with 6 ozs. of breadcrumbs, the grated rind of half a lemon, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, salt, cayenne, and nutmeg to taste. Take off the beards of two dozen oysters, add them and their liquor (strained), and lastly, two eggs. Truss the bird and tie it in a cloth. Place it breast downwards in boiling water, and when it has come to the boil skim well and simmer gently for an hour and a half or longer, according to size. Serve with a thick béchamel sauce poured over and a boiled tongue.

A Boned Turkey

Have a turkey boned, and lay it with the inside uppermost, cut the meat from the thick parts, and distribute it equally all over the inside, season with salt and pepper. Make some forcemeat with veal, ham, and truffles, put a layer of this over the meat of the bird, then a layer of sliced tongue, then another layer of turkey, then forcemeat, then tongue and truffles. Roll it up, tie it with tape, and put it in a buttered cloth into a stewpan with two carrots, two onions, a stick of celery, some parsley, and peppercorns, and sufficient white stock to cover it. Let it simmer gently for three hours, strain, and let it get cold; remove the cloth and glaze it all over; if any glaze is left cut it into various strips and lozenge shapes and garnish the dish with it. This is an excellent cold dish and suitable for a dance supper.

Roast Goose (Stuffed)

Singe and draw a goose. Fill with the following stuffing: Chop finely 2 ozs. of beef suet, add to it 3 ozs. of breadcrumbs, one teaspoonful of powdered sage, and the same of mixed herbs. Parboil a large onion, chop it up finely, and add to the above. Mix well and moisten with sufficient cold milk to bind the mixture. Season with salt and pepper. Fill the goose with this, close both ends, cover the breast with dripping or fat bacon, and cook in the usual way, allowing about twenty minutes to the pound. Serve with gravy and apple-sauce.

Forcemeat Stuffing

Two ozs. of bacon, ¼ lb. of suet, the rind of half a lemon, one dessertspoonful of chopped parsley, one teaspoonful of mixed herbs, ½ lb. of breadcrumbs, two eggs, salt, and cayenne. Pound the ingredients together, and add the eggs well beaten. This stuffing is preferred by some people to that made with chestnuts.

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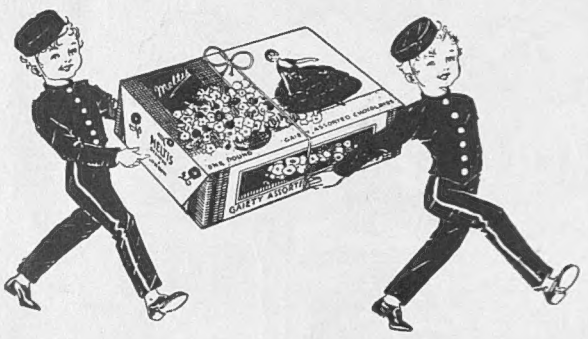

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